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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, October 12, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
Charlie Angus,
James Bezan,
Claude Drouin,
Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
David Kilgour,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
Rose-Marie Ur.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Steve Chaplin, Legal Counsel, Legal Services;
Diane Diotte, Committee Clerk.



Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE

Session 2007-2008

Meeting No. 1

Thursday, January 17, 2008

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Opening Prayer and Invocation

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

3. Presentation of the Report of the Committee

4. Presentation of the Report of the Committee

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11. Presentation of the Report of the Committee

12. Presentation of the Report of the Committee

13. Presentation of the Report of the Committee

14. Presentation of the Report of the Committee

15. Adjournment

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Committee at Ottawa, Ontario, this 17th day of January, 2008.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, October 12, 2004

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, David Kilgour, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Attendance: House of Commons: Steve Chaplin, Legal Counsel, Legal Services; Diane Diotte, Committee Clerk.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Wayne Easter, it was agreed, — That Paul Steckle be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of David L. Anderson, it was agreed, — That Gerry Ritz be elected as Official Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Roger Gaudet, it was agreed, — That Denise Poirier-Rivard be elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Paul Steckle took the Chair.

On unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

On unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That all Members of the Committee may participate in the discussion of Agenda and Procedure.

On unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least five members are present, including a member of the opposition.

On unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That witnesses be given 10 minutes for their opening statement; that, at the discretion of the Chair, during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated 7 minutes for the first questioner of each party; that before the second round of questioning, other members who wish to speak may do so; and that thereafter, 5 minutes be allocated to each subsequent questioner [alternating between Government and Opposition parties].

On unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, except for amendments to bills, forty-eight (48) hours' notice be given before any substantive motion is considered by the Committee; and That the motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and circulated to members in both official languages. Upon receipt of the notice, the Clerk shall put the motion on the agenda of the Committee's next meeting.

On unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of all *in camera* meetings be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

On unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to have

one staff person present at *in camera* meetings.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses not exceeding two (2) representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be at the discretion of the Committee.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee documents only when they exist in both official languages.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide for working meals for the Committee and its Subcommittees.

The Members made statements.

At 4:02 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:05 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting *in camera* for the purpose of examining its future business.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the evidence and documentation presented to the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food during the 3rd Session of the 37th Parliament in relations to its study of Canadian livestock and beef pricing in the aftermath of the BSE crisis (Meetings Nos. 2, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 19, 21 and 22) be deemed received by the Committee during this session.

At 4:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2004/10/13 4:38 p.m.

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38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Standing Committee
on

AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, October 14, 2004

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, October 14, 2004

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee resume its study of Canadian livestock and beef pricing in the aftermath of the BSE crisis which was undertaken during the 3rd Session of the 37th Parliament.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That Lakeside Packers Ltd., Alberta and Cargill Foods of High River, Alberta ordered to provide to the Clerk of the Committee, prior to 12:00 p.m. (noon), Friday, October 29, 2004, for an *in camera* review by the Standing Committee, the following documents: a) a copy of the financial statements detailing the total marginal costs attributable to the new BSE safety regulations along with their profit margins on a monthly basis for the calendar year 2003; (b) documents explaining why the prices they paid for fed steers and heifers declined by approximately 50% in the three weeks following announcement of the federal-provincial BSE Recovery Program on 18 September 2003; c) financial information of revenues, expenditures and gross and net profit margins for Canadian operations for the month for 2003 and 2002 (information required for comparative purposes with 2003); d) related information as outlined in the notes in the attached template (Annex A); and e) explanations on the effect of fed steer and heifer market following the announcement of federal-provincial BSE recovery program as far as your specific company is concerned.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That if these companies fail to produce the said documents, the matter will be referred to the House.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That whenever the Main Estimates or the Supplementary Estimates are tabled in the House, the Committee invite the Minister and any relevant Senior Officials of a Department to appear at a televised meeting of the Committee.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 111(4), whenever an Order in Council for appointment or a certificate of nomination for appointment is referred to the Committee, the Clerk shall obtain and circulate to each member of the Committee a copy of the curriculum vitae of each appointee/nominee.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That whenever a Chapter of a Report of the Auditor General refers to a subject under the mandate of the Committee, the Committee invite the Office of the Auditor General of Canada and any relevant Senior Officials of a Department to appear at a televised meeting of the Committee at the earliest.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee undertake a study on strategy for repositioning the livestock industry.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 81 (4), the Committee examine the Main Estimates 2004-2005.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee undertake a study on Canadian Agriculture Income Stabilization (CAIS).

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee examine the Agricultural Policy Framework.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee undertake a study on grain transportation.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee invite officials from Pest Management Regulatory Agency to appear before the Committee .

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Clerk make the necessary arrangements for the Committee to travel to Abbotsford, B.C. in February 2005 to study the avian flu situation.

At 10:16 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2004/10/15 11:26 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, October 21, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the strategy for repositioning the livestock industry

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson
Charlie Angus
James Bezan
Claude Drouin
Roger Gaudet
David Kilgour
Larry Miller
Denise Poirier-Rivard
Gerry Ritz
Rose-Marie Ur

WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Krista L. Mountjoy, Executive Director;
Cameron Prince, Executive Director;
Merv Baker, Director, Food of Animal Origin Division;
Billy Hewett, Director, Policy, International Affairs.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:

Gilles Lavoie, Senior Director General, Operations, Market and
Industry Services Branch;
Danny Foster, Director General, Farm Income & Adaptation
Policy.

Department of Finance:

Brian Ernewein, Director, Tax Legislation Division, Tax Policy
Branch.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, October 21, 2004

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Roger Gaudet, David Kilgour, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz and Rose-Marie Ur.

Witnesses: *Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Krista L. Mountjoy, Executive Director; Cameron Prince, Executive Director; Merv Baker, Director, Food of Animal Origin Division; Billy Hewett, Director, Policy, International Affairs. *Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada:* Gilles Lavoie, Senior Director General, Operations, Market and Industry Services Branch; Danny Foster, Director General, Farm Income & Adaptation Policy. *Department of Finance:* Brian Ernewein, Director, Tax Legislation Division, Tax Policy Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the strategy for repositioning the livestock industry.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, the two co-chairs, the member from the NDP and the Clerk meet with Cargill on October 27, 2004, at a place to be determined.

Gilles Lavoie and Krista Mountjoy made statements and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2004/10/22 2:29 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle.

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, October 26, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the strategy for repositioning the livestock industry.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
Charlie Angus,
James Bezan,
Claude Drouin,
Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
David Kilgour,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Frédéric Forge, Analyst.
Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Gencor Foods Inc.:

Brian O'Connor, Executive Director;
Mark Ishoy, General Manager.

"Fédération des producteurs de bovins du Québec":

Michel Dessureault, Chairman;
Gib Drury, Member of the Board of Directors.

Canadian Cattlemen's Association:

Stan Eby, President;
Brad Wildeman, Director, Saskatchewan.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, October 26, 2004

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, David Kilgour, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Frédéric Forge, Analyst. *Library of Parliament:* Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Gencor Foods Inc.: Brian O'Connor, Executive Director; Mark Ishoy, General Manager. *"Fédération des producteurs de bovins du Québec":* Michel Dessureault, Chairman; Gib Drury, Member of the Board of Directors. *Canadian Cattlemen's Association:* Stan Eby, President; Brad Wildeman, Director, Saskatchewan.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the strategy for repositioning the livestock industry.

Brian O'Connor, Mark Ishoy, Michel Dessureault and Stan Eby made statements and with Brad Wildeman, answered questions.

On motion of David Kilgour, it was agreed, — That the brief presented by Michel Dessureault be appended to today's *Evidence*.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2004/10/27 10:17 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, October 28, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the strategy for repositioning the livestock industry.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
Charlie Angus,
James Bezan,
Claude Drouin,
Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
David Kilgour,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle,
Rose-Marie Ur.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Frédéric Forge, Analyst.
Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Gilles Lavoie, Senior Director General, Operations, Market and
Industry Services Branch;
Danny Foster, Director General, Farm Income & Adaptation
Policy.

Dairy Farmers of Canada:

Jacques Laforge, President;
Marcel Groleau, Executive Member;
Richard Doyle, Executive Director.

Jacques Laforge made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, October 28, 2004

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, David Kilgour, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Frédéric Forge, Analyst. *Library of Parliament:* Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada: Gilles Lavoie, Senior Director General, Operations, Market and Industry Services Branch; Danny Foster, Director General, Farm Income & Adaptation Policy. *Dairy Farmers of Canada:* Jacques Laforge, President; Marcel Groleau, Executive Member; Richard Doyle, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the strategy for repositioning the livestock industry.

Gilles Lavoie made a statement and, with Danny Foster, answered questions.

At 12:02 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:08 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Jacques Laforge made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:15 p.m., Gerry Ritz took the Chair.

At 1:12 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

At 1:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/01 11:12 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, November 2, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 under Agriculture and Agri-Food referred to the Committee on October 8, 2004

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson
Charlie Angus
James Bezan
Hon. Claude Drouin
Hon. Wayne Easter
Roger Gaudet
Hon. David Kilgour
Larry Miller
Denise Poirier-Rivard
Gerry Ritz
Paul Steckle
Rose-Marie Ur

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

APPEARING:

Hon. Andy Mitchell, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

WITNESSES:

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Leonard J. Edwards, Deputy Minister;
Mary Komarynsky, Assistant Deputy Minister,
Farm Financial Programs Branch;
Bruce Deacon, Assistant Deputy Minister,
Corporate Management Branch;
Andrew Marsland, Assistant Deputy Minister,
Market and Industry Services Branch;
Howard Migie, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister,
Strategic Policy Branch.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Richard B. Fadden, President;
Gordon R. White, Vice-President, Corporate Services;
Brian Evans, Chief Veterinary Officer of Canada;
Krista L. Mountjoy, Executive Director, Operations Coordination;
Gary Koiviso, Executive Director, Plant Products Directorate.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Monday, November 2, 2004

Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in a televised session at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 237-Entrepreneur Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, David Kilgour, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Frédéric Forge, Analyst. *Library of Parliament:* Jean-Louis Fréchette, Principal.

Bearing: Hon. Andy Mitchell, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Witnesses: Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Leonard J. Edwards, Deputy Minister; Mary Komarynsky, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch; Bruce Deacon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Management Branch; Andrew Marsland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch; Howard MacKenzie, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch. *Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Richard B. Denison, President; Gordon R. White, Vice-President, Corporate Services; Brian Evans, Chief Veterinary Officer of Canada; Krista L. Mountjoy, Executive Director, Operations Coordination; Gary Koiviso, Executive Director, Plant Products Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Votes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 under Agriculture and Agri-Food referred to the Committee on October 8, 2004.

At 11:10 a.m., the Minister made a statement, and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

On the motion of David Kilgour, it was agreed, — That correspondence from David Kilgour to Paul Steckle, distributed to members of the Committee on October 29, 2004, be appended to today's *Evidence*.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

November 4/11/03 3:07 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, November 4, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Votes 1 and 10 under Agriculture and Agri-Food referred to the Committee on October 8, 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson
Charlie Angus
James Bezan
Claude Drouin
Wayne Easter
Roger Gaudet
David Kilgour
Larry Miller
Denise Poirier-Rivard
Gerry Ritz
Rose-Marie Ur

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Thursday, November 4, 2004

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, David Kilgour, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz and Rose-Marie Ur.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Votes 1 and 10 under Agriculture and Agri-Food referred to the Committee on October 8, 2004 - Canadian Agriculture Income Stabilization (CAIS).

Mary Komarynsky made a statement, and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/04 3:35 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Grain Transportation: The Hopper Car Fleet.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

James Bezan,
Claude Drouin,
Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
David Kilgour,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bev Desjarlais for Charlie Angus,
and Maurice Vellacott for David L. Anderson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Allison Padova, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Pacific Railway:

Marcella Szel, Vice-President, Marketing and Sales Bulk;
Janet Weiss, General Manager, Grain, Marketing and Sales Bulk.

Canadian National:

Ross Goldsworthy, Vice-President , Grain and Fertilizers;
Paul Miller, Vice-President, Transportation Services.

Inland Terminal Association:

Robert Davies, Chief Executive Officer, Weyburn Inland Terminal
Ltd..

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Vice-Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, David Kilgour, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Bev Desjarlais for Charlie Angus and Maurice Vellacott for David L. Anderson.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Allison Padova, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Pacific Railway: Marcella Szel, Vice-President, Marketing and Sales Bulk; Janet Weiss, General Manager, Grain, Marketing and Sales Bulk. *Canadian National:* Ross Goldsworthy, Vice President, Grain and Fertilizers; Paul Miller, Vice-President, Transportation Services. *Inland Terminal Association:* Robert Davies, Chief Executive Officer, Weyburn Inland Terminal Ltd..

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Grain Transportation: The Hopper Car Fleet.

Marcella Szel, Ross Goldsworthy and Robert Davies made statements, and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

On motion of Rose-Marie Ur, it was agreed, — That the Committee accept a request forwarded by CIDA for James Morris, Executive Director, World Food Program to appear jointly before this Committee and the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade on November 22, 2004, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 308, West Block.

At 1:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/16 4:27 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle.

Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the strategy for repositioning the livestock industry.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
James Bezan,
Claude Drouin,
Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
David Kilgour,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz
and Rose-Marie Ur.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Frédéric Forge, Analyst.
Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Bill Anderson, Acting Director, Food of Animal Origin Division;
Richard B. Fadden, President;
Krista L. Mountjoy, Executive Director, Operations Coordination.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, November 17, 2004

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 705 La Promenade Building, the Vice-Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, David Kilgour, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Frédéric Forge, Analyst. *Library of Parliament:* Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Bill Anderson, Acting Director, Food of Animal Origin Division; Richard B. Fadden, President; Krista L. Mountjoy, Executive Director, Operations Coordination.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the strategy for repositioning the livestock industry - (Slaughter capacity).

Richard B. Fadden made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 3:55 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:10 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On motion of Wayne Easter, it was agreed, — That the proposed operational budget of the Committee in the amount of \$41,500 be adopted and the said budget be presented to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

At 5:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/18 4:08 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle.

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, November 18, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 under Agriculture and Agri-Food referred to the Committee on October 8, 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
Charlie Angus,
James Bezan,
Claude Drouin,
Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
David Kilgour,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz
and Rose-Marie Ur.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Frédéric Forge, Analyst.
Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

APPEARING:

Hon. Andy Mitchell, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

WITNESSES:

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Leonard J. Edwards, Deputy Minister;

Mary Komarynsky, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial
Programs Branch;

Andrew Marsland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry
Services Branch;

Howard Migie, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy
Branch;

James Roberge, Director General, Finance and Resource
Management Services, Corporate Management;

Danny Foster, Director General, Farm Income & Adaptation
Policy.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, November 18, 2004

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 12:05 p.m. this day, in Room 536 Wellington Building, the Vice-Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, David Kilgour, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Frédéric Forge, Analyst. *Library of Parliament:* Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Appearing: Hon. Andy Mitchell, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Witnesses: Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Leonard J. Edwards, Deputy Minister; Mary Komarynsky, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch; Andrew Marsland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch; Howard Migie, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch; James Roberge, Director General, Finance and Resource Management Services, Corporate Management; Danny Foster, Director General, Farm Income & Adaptation Policy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee resumed consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 under Agriculture and Agri-Food - includes 2004-2005 Plans and Priorities - The Agricultural Policy Framework referred to the Committee on October 8, 2004.

The Chair called Vote 1 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD.

At 12:05 p.m., Mary Komarynsky, answered questions.

At 12:20 p.m., the Minister made a statement and, with Leonard J. Edwards, answered questions.

At 1:20 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:25 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee resumed consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 under Agriculture and Agri-Food - includes 2004-2005 Plans and Priorities - The Agricultural Policy Framework referred to the Committee on October 8, 2004.

Questioning of the witnesses resumed.

It was agreed, — That the Chair report Votes numbers 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD in the Main Estimates 2004-2005 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005, less the amounts granted in Interim Supply, to the House.

At 2:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/22 9:16 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Joint Meeting of the Standing Committee
on

AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

and the Standing Committee
on

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Chair: Bernard Patry, Lib.

Meeting No. 11

Monday, November 22, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on World Food Supply

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson
James Bezan
Hon. Claude Drouin
Hon. Wayne Easter
Hon. David Kilgour
Gerry Ritz
Paul Steckle
Rose-Marie Ur

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Serge Cardin for Denise Poirier-Rivard

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

United Nations World Food Programme:

James T. Morris, Executive Director;

Dianne Spearman, Director, Office of the Deputy; Executive Director,
Policy and External Affairs Department.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Monday, November 22, 2004

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle and Kevin Sorenson, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, David Kilgour, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Serge Cardin for Denise Poirier-Rivard.

Members of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade present: Stockwell Day, Alexa McDonough, Dan McTeague, Beth Phinney and Kevin Sorenson.

Acting Members of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade present: Dean Allison for Ted Menzies, Bill Casey for Belinda Stronach, Mario Laframboise for Francine Lalonde and Keith Martin for Bernard Patry.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marcus Pistor, Analyst. *Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Stephen Knowles, Clerk of the Committee.

Witnesses: United Nations World Food Programme: James T. Morris, Executive Director; Dianne Spearman, Director, Office of the Deputy, Executive Director, Policy and External Affairs Department.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on World Food Supply.

James T. Morris made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/24 8:57 a.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, November 23, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Grain Transportation: The Hopper Car Fleet.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
James Bezan,
Claude Drouin,
Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
David Kilgour,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Bev Desjarlais for Charlie Angus.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Allison Padova, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Western Grain Elevator Association:

Jean-Marc Ruest, Assistant Vice-President, Legal and Industry Affairs, James Richardson International;
Richard Wansbutter, Vice-President, Commercial Relations, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool;
Bill James, Director, Transportation and Logistics, Agricore United.

Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association:

Cherilyn Jolly, President;
Douglas Campbell, Vice-President.

Farmer Rail Car Coalition:

Jim Robbins, Vice-President and Chair;
Douglas Richardson, Legal Council, McKercher, McKercher & Whitmore;
Bernie Churko, President, Saskatchewan Grain Car Corporation.

At 12:15 p.m., Jim Robbins made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Tuesday, November 23, 2004

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, David Kilgour, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Bev Desjarlais for Charlie Angus.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Allison Padova, Analyst.

Witnesses: Western Grain Elevator Association: Jean-Marc Ruest, Assistant Vice-President, Legal and Industry Affairs, James Richardson International; Richard Wansbutter, Vice-President, Commercial Relations, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool; Bill James, Director, Transportation and Logistics, Agricore United. *Western Canadian Wheat Growers Association:* Cherilyn Jolly, President, Mossbank, Saskatchewan; Douglas Campbell, Vice-President, Alberta. *Farmer Rail Car Coalition:* Jim Robbins, Vice-President and Chair; Douglas Richardson, Legal Council, McKercher, McKercher & Whitmore; Bernie Churko, President, Saskatchewan Grain Car Corporation.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Grain Transportation: The Hopper Car Fleet.

At 11:10 a.m., Jean-Marc Ruest, Cherilyn Jolly and Douglas Campbell made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:15 p.m., Jim Robbins made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Bev Desjarlais, it was agreed, — That the Canadian Wheat Board appear as a witness before the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food as part of the Committee's consideration of Grain Transportation: The Hopper Car Fleet .

On motion of Wayne Easter, it was agreed, — That pursuant to the study undertaken by the Standing Committee on Agriculture & Agri-food of the federal government's hopper car fleet, the committee call before it officials from Transport Canada to speak to issue and to the proposals placed before the department by parties interested in acquiring the hopper car fleet and that the Committee undertake to call before it representatives of the Canadian Wheat Board to address the view and position of the Canadian Wheat Board with respect to the future of the federal government's hopper car fleet .

At 1:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette

Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/23 4:07 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle.

Meeting No. 13

Thursday, November 25, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced a review of the activities of the Pest Management Regulatory Agency during the past six months.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
Charlie Angus,
James Bezan,
Claude Drouin,
Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
David Kilgour,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Frédéric Forge, Analyst.
Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Thursday, November 25, 2004

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, David Kilgour, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Frédéric Forge, Analyst. *Library of Parliament:* Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced a review of the activities of the Pest Management Regulatory Agency during the past six months.

Janice Charette made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 1:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/25 3:37 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle.

Meeting No. 14

Thursday, December 2, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Grain Transportation: The Hopper Car Fleet.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
James Bezan,
Claude Drouin,
Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
David Kilgour,
Larry Miller,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bev Desjarlais for Charlie Angus,
Réal Lapierre for Roger Gaudet,
and Louis Plamondon for Denise Poirier-Rivard.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;

Allison Padova, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Transport:

Kristine Burr, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy Group;
Helena Borges, Acting Director General, Surface Transportation
Policy.

Canadian Transportation Agency:

Neil Thurston, Director, Rail Economics;
Jim Riegle, Manager, Grain Division.

Canadian Wheat Board:

Ward Weisensel, Chief Operating Officer;
Ian McCreary, Director, District 6.

At 12:15 p.m., Ian McCreary made a statement and, with Ward Weisensel, answered questions.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Thursday, December 2, 2004

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, David Kilgour, Larry Miller, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Bev Desjarlais for Charlie Angus, Réal Lapierre for Roger Gaudet and Louis Plamondon for Denise Poirier-Rivard.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Allison Padova, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Transport: Kristine Burr, Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy Group; Helena Borges, Acting Director General, Surface Transportation Policy. *Canadian Transportation Agency:* Neil Thurston, Director, Rail Economics; Jim Riegle, Manager, Grain Division. *Canadian Wheat Board:* Ward Weisensel, Chief Operating Officer; Ian McCreary, Director, District 6.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Grain Transportation: The Hopper Car Fleet.

At 11:07 a.m., Kristine Burr and Neil Thurston made opening statements and, with Helena Borges, answered questions.

At 12:15 p.m., Ian McCreary made a statement and, with Ward Weisensel, answered questions.

At 1:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
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2004/12/03 11:41 a.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle.

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
Charlie Angus,
James Bezan,
Claude Drouin,
Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
David Kilgour,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, David Kilgour, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to sit in public.

David L. Anderson moved, — That the Canadian Wheat Board submit to the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food all documents, including minutes of meetings, concerning grants and forgivable loans to the Farmers Rail Car Coalition .

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

It was agreed, — At 11:20 a.m., that the Committee proceed to sit *in camera*.

It was agreed, — That the Committee meet jointly with the Standing Committee on Health to discuss the activities of the Pest Management Regulatory Agency .

It was agreed, — That on Thursday, December 9, 2004, the Committee consider a draft report on the subject of grain transportation: the hopper car fleet .

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$49,147, for the Committee's travel to Abbotsford, B.C., on January 17 to 19, 2005, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Sub-committee of the Liaison Committee..

It was agreed, — That the Canadian Vintners Association be invited to appear before the Committee on December 14, 2004 in order examine excise duty relief for Canada's wine sector .

It was agreed, — That the Committee examine the Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization (CAIS) and that a letter be sent to the Minister regarding the Committee's concerns.

It was agreed, — That the Chair respond to a letter from the Hon. Tony Valeri, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, concerning prior parliamentary review of appointments .

At 12:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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2004/12/09 2:25 p.m.

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Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 16

Thursday, December 9, 2004

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 16

Thursday, December 9, 2004

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 11:15 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, David Kilgour, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Allison Padova, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Grain Transportation: The Hopper Car Fleet.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Canadian Animal Health Association be called as a witness before the Standing Committee of Agriculture and Agri-Food to discuss the current BSE and avian flu crises and future responses to disease outbreaks including planning and compensation programs.

At 11:35 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/10 12:12 p.m.

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FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle.

Meeting No. 17

Monday, December 13, 2004

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Monday, December 13, 2004

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Roger Gaudet, David Kilgour, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: David A. Anderson for Wayne Easter.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal. *Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* Allison Padova, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Grain Transportation: The Hopper Car Fleet.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee for Agriculture and Agri-Food call as a witness Farm Credit Canada to discuss their Equity Investment Fund, the Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization Program and bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) .

It was agreed, — That the Committee do now adjourn.

At 3:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
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Chair: Paul Steckle.

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, December 14, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of excise duty relief for Canada's wine sector.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the pricing of beef at the slaughter, wholesale and retail levels, in the context of the BSE crisis in Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
James Bezan,
Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
David Kilgour,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Frédéric Forge, Analyst.
Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Vintners Association:

William Ross, President;

Vicki Bas, Director of Research.

Consulting and Audit Canada:

Janak Shah, Director;

Fred Jaakson, Director General and Chief Auditor.

At 11:07 a.m., William Ross made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Janak Shah made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, December 14, 2004

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, James Bezan, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, David Kilgour, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Frédéric Forge, Analyst. *Library of Parliament:* Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Vintners Association: William Ross, President; Vicki Bas, Director of Research. *Consulting and Audit Canada:* Janak Shah, Director; Fred Jaakson, Director General and Chief Auditor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of excise duty relief for Canada's wine sector.

At 11:07 a.m., William Ross made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

On motion of Gerry Ritz, it was agreed, — That the Committee, by the hand of the Chair, send a letter to the Minister of Finance in order to recommend excise duty relief for Canadian wine producers.

David L. Anderson moved, — That prior to the issuing of a report on the disposal of the federal hopper car fleet, the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food hear testimony regarding the 'fourth proposal' as described in a December 7, 2004 letter to the Minister Transport .

After debate, the question was put on the motion and the result of the vote was announced: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 4.

Whereupon, the Chair voted in the negative.

Accordingly, the motion was negatived.

At 12:15 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the pricing of beef at the slaughter, wholesale and retail levels, in the context of the BSE crisis in Canada.

Janak Shah made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 12:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/14 4:11 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND
AGRI-FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

IN CAMERA

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, David Kilgour, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Witnesses: Consulting and Audit Canada: Fred Jaakson, Director General and Chief Auditor; Janak Shah, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of a draft report on the pricing of beef at the slaughter, wholesale and retail levels, in the context of the BSE crisis in Canada.

Janak Shah made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

It was agreed, — That, due to the need for additional analysis and follow up relative to financial and pricing information provided by meatpackers to meet requirements of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food regarding its study on BSE government programs, the Committee requests the extension of professional services contract between Consulting and Audit Canada and the Library of Parliament in order to pursue, on-site, the second phase of its in-depth analysis of financial and pricing information as well as the government assistance received by packers and the latter's relation with beef pricing.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: Status Report - Financial Analysis Relative to Meat Packing Companies in the context of BSE Crisis of 2003 - Phase I.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) make available a progress report on its activities, prior to its appearance before the Standing Committee every six months;

That the progress report highlight various indicators such as the number of new pesticides approved, the number of old pesticides re-evaluated, the number of minor use pesticides approved, the number of temporary and emergency registrations, and other information pertaining to Agency's operations, including cost recovery initiatives and staffing requirements; and

That the report be reviewed in consultation with the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development.

It was agreed, — That officials from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency appear before the Committee as a follow-up to the Abbotsford, British Columbia meetings on the avian flu crisis.

It was agreed, — That the Canadian Bankers Association appear before the Committee to discuss the farm income crisis.

It was agreed, — That the Committee conduct a study of plant breeders' rights.

At 5:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/03 2:49 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 20

Thursday, February 3, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee commenced its study of animal health

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

James Bezan
Hon. Claude Drouin
Larry Miller
Denise Poirier-Rivard
Gerry Ritz
Paul Steckle
Rose-Marie Ur

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

André Bellavance for Roger Gaudet

IN ATTENDANCE:

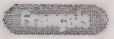
Parliamentary Information and Research Service:
Jessica Finney, Intern;
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Animal Health Coalition:

Gordon Dittberner, Doctor and Executive Director, Canadian
Veterinary Medical Association;
Clare Schlegel, Chair, Canadian Pork Council;
Matt Taylor, Executive Director;
Ron Wooddisse, Canadian Cattlemen's Association;
Jonathan Wort, Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Thursday, February 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: André Bellavance for Roger Gaudet.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Jessica Finney, Intern.

Witnesses: Canadian Animal Health Coalition: Gordon Dittberner, Executive Director, Canadian Veterinary Medical Association; Clare Schlegel, Chair, Canadian Pork Council; Matt Taylor, Executive Director; Jonathan Wort, Chair; Ron Wooddisse, Canadian Cattlemen's Association.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of animal health.

Jonathan Wort, Matt Taylor and Clare Schlegel made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

On motion of Gerry Ritz, it was agreed, — That a letter be sent to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food requesting that financial support in the amount of \$ 3.5 million be awarded to the Canadian Animal Health Coalition for the purpose of implementing a National Animal Health Emergency Management Program.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, February 8, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of avian flu - follow-up of the fact-finding mission to Abbotsford .

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
James Bezan,
Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
David Kilgour,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peter Julian for Charlie Angus,
Rob Merrifield for Larry Miller,
Louis Plamondon for Denise Poirier-Rivard,
and Randy White for James Bezan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;

Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Richard B. Fadden, President;

Judith Bossé, Vice-President, Science;

Jim Clark, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Animal Health and
Production Division;

Theresa Iuliano, Manager, Corporate Program Administration.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, February 8, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, James Bezan, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, David Kilgour, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Peter Julian for Charlie Angus, Rob Merrifield for Larry Miller, Louis Plamondon for Denise Poirier-Rivard and Randy White for James Bezan.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Richard B. Fadden, President; Judith Bossé, Vice-President, Science; Jim Clark, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Animal Health and Production Division; Theresa Iuliano, Manager, Corporate Program Administration.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of avian flu - follow-up of the fact-finding mission to Abbotsford, British Columbia .

Richard B. Fadden made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:05 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:10 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera* to consider Committee business.

At 5:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 22

Thursday, February 10, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a Technical briefing: Measures of farm income.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
Charlie Angus,
James Bezan,
Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

André Bellavance for Denise Poirier-Rivard.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

House of Commons:

Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Kristine Stolarik, Executive Director, Liaison, Preparedness and Policy Coordination;

Mark McCombs, Head and General Counsel, Legal Services.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Michael Keenan, Director General, Research and Analysis Directorate;

Jan Dyer, Executive Director, Policy Analysis;

Cameron Short, Chief, Agri-Food Support Measurement and Analysis.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Thursday, February 10, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: André Bellavance for Denise Poirier-Rivard.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal. *House of Commons:* Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Kristine Stolarik, Executive Director, Liaison, Preparedness and Policy Coordination; Mark McCombs, Head and General Counsel, Legal Services. *Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:* Michael Keenan, Director General, Research and Analysis Directorate; Jan Dyer, Executive Director, Policy Analysis; Cameron Short, Chief, Agri-Food Support Measurement and Analysis.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

The Chair calls Clause 1.

Kristine Stolarik made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a technical briefing: Measures of farm income.

Michael Keenan and Cameron Short made statements and answered questions.

At 5:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;
Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Dairy Farmers of Canada:

Richard Doyle, Executive Director;
Jacques Laforge, President;
Marguerita Marcone, Assistant Director, Policy and Government
Relations.

Further Poultry Processors Association of Canada:

Robert G. de Valk, General Manager.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, David Kilgour, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Diane Finley for David L. Anderson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Witnesses: Dairy Farmers of Canada: Richard Doyle, Executive Director; Jacques Laforge, President; Marguerita Marcone, Assistant Director, Policy and Government Relations. *Further Poultry Processors Association of Canada:* Robert G. de Valk, General Manager.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

Denise Poirier-Rivard moved, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food study the feasibility of regionalizing agricultural health practices.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 3:40 p.m., Gerry Ritz took the Chair.

At 3:45 p.m., Paul Steckle took the Chair.

Jacques Laforge and Robert G. de Valk made statements and, with Richard Doyle, answered questions.

At 5:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/16 4:25 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 24

Thursday, February 17, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
Charlie Angus,
James Bezan,
Claude Drouin,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
David Kilgour,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Meat Council:

Jim Laws, Executive Director;

Don Raymond, Director, Regulatory and Trade.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Thursday, February 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, David Kilgour, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Meat Council: Jim Laws, Executive Director; Don Raymond, Director, Regulatory and Trade.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of James Bezan, it was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food travel to the Riding Mountain National Park Region of Manitoba in the riding of Dauphin-Swan River-Marquette, to study the progress of the RMNP Bovine Tuberculosis monitoring and eradication programs and review the implementation of past recommendations made by the Standing Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

Jim Laws made a statement and with Don Raymond, answered questions.

The Committee resumed consideration of matters related the Committee business.

Charlie Angus moved, — 1) That the government of Canada develop skills and competence-related criteria for all government appointments, including Board Members and senior Officers of Crown Corporations and other government agencies, for which a Standing Committee has reviewing responsibility; and that this criteria specifically address the non-partisan nature of these appointments;

2) That the government then submit this criteria to each relevant Standing Committee of the House of Commons for consideration, and approval with amendment if necessary;

3) That the Government of Canada then publicly release, including publishing in the Canada Gazette, the committee-approved criteria for each appointment;

4) That the names and qualifications of each nominee for an appointed position be referred to the appropriate Standing Committee prior to the date of their appointment, with an explanation of how each nominee's qualification has met the established criteria;

5) That each committee (which oversees appointments), unless it unanimously decides otherwise, shall have at least one full meeting every two months to review government nominees for appointment.

Principles to be upheld through discussions and amendment:

- 1) The establishment of skills based qualifications for every government appointment;
- 2) The submission of each nominee (before they are appointed) to the relevant committee along with an explanation of how their skills meet the established criteria for the job;
- 3) The process for review by the government and committee be transparent, accessible and well-publicized.

Debate arose thereon.

The Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

Questioning of the witnesses resumed.

At 5:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/23 9:03 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, February 22, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization (CAIS) Program and other farm income issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Charlie Angus
James Bezan
Hon. Claude Drouin
Hon. Wayne Easter
Hon. David Kilgour
Larry Miller
Denise Poirier-Rivard
Gerry Ritz
Paul Steckle
Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Louis Plamondon for Roger Gaudet.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Bankers Association:

Terry Campbell, Vice-President, Policy.

Bank of Nova Scotia:

Bob Funk, Vice President, Agriculture.

RBC Royal Bank:

Brian Little, National Manager, Agriculture and Agri-Business.

TD Bank Financial Group:

Dave Marr, Senior Advisor, Community, Rural and Agricultural Issues.

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce:

Robert Paterson, Senior Vice-President, Small Business Banking.

BMO Bank of Montreal:

Don Wither, Director, Business Banking.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 25

Tuesday, February 22, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 536 Wellington Building, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, David Kilgour, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Louis Plamondon for Roger Gaudet.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Bankers Association: Terry Campbell, Vice-President, Policy. *Bank of Nova Scotia:* Bob Funk, Vice President, Agriculture. *RBC Royal Bank:* Brian Little, National Manager, Agriculture and Agri-Business. *TD Bank Financial Group:* Dave Marr, Senior Advisor, Community, Rural and Agricultural Issues. *Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce:* Robert Paterson, Senior Vice-President, Small Business Banking. *BMO Bank of Montreal:* Don Wither, Director, Business Banking.

The Committee proceeded to consider Committee business.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the motion of Charlie Angus moved on February 17, 2005, be withdrawn.

Charlie Angus moved, — 1) That the government of Canada develop skills and competence-related criteria for all government appointments, including Board Members and senior Officers of Crown Corporations and other government agencies, for which the Standing Committee has reviewing responsibility; and that these criteria specifically address the non-partisan nature of these appointments.

2) That the government then submit these criteria to the Standing Committee for consideration, and approval with amendment if necessary.

3) That the Government of Canada then publicly release, including publishing in the Canada Gazette, the committee-approved criteria for each appointment.

4) That the names and background of each nominee for appointment be referred to the Standing Committee prior to the date of their appointment, with an explanation of how each nominee has met the established criteria; and, that the Committee, unless it unanimously decides otherwise, shall have at least one full meeting every two months (while the House of Commons is in session) to review the nominees.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended in paragraph 4 by adding after the words “; and, that the Committee” the following words: “upon majority, may call for the review of any or all nominees while the House of Commons is in Session”.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Larry Miller, Louis Plamondon, Gerry Ritz,

Rose-Marie Ur — 6; NAYS: Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter — 2.

On motion of Larry Miller, it was agreed, — That the proposed operational budget in the amount of \$12,300 for the Committee's study on gain testing and inspection, and the WTO ruling on the treatment of foreign grain on February 24, 2005, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization (CAIS) Program and other farm income issues.

Terry Campbell made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 26

Thursday, February 24, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing session on grain testing and inspection, and the WTO ruling on the treatment of foreign grain.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

James Bezan,
Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
David Kilgour,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Ted Menzies for David L. Anderson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Inland Terminal Association of Canada:

Garth Gish, Director, Prairie West Terminal.

Canadian Grain Commission:

Chris Hamblin, Chief Commissioner, Executive.

Western Grain Elevator Association:

Murdoch MacKay, Managing Director, Terminal Service Division,
Agricore United.

Inland Terminal Association of Canada:

Garry Petrie, Chair.

Western Grain Elevator Association:

Wade Sobkowich, Executive Director.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 26

Thursday, February 24, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: James Bezan, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, David Kilgour, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Ted Menzies for David L. Anderson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Inland Terminal Association of Canada: Garth Gish, Director, Prairie West Terminal. *Canadian Grain Commission:* Chris Hamblin, Chief Commissioner, Executive. *Western Grain Elevator Association:* Murdoch MacKay, Managing Director, Terminal Service Division, Agricore United. *Inland Terminal Association of Canada:* Garry Petrie, Chair. *Western Grain Elevator Association:* Wade Sobkowich, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on grain testing and inspection, and the WTO ruling on the treatment of foreign grain.

Chris Hamblin, Garry Petrie, Garth Gish, Wade Sobkowich and Murdoch MacKay made statements and answered questions.

On motion of Gerry Ritz, it was agreed, — That the Committee send a letter to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food to obtain a copy of the 2002 government report reviewing the CGC, by a review panel composed of three producers from each of the three prairie provinces; Douglas Livingstone, Germain Douk and Owen MacAuley.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2005/03/02 8:20 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization (CAIS) Program and other farm income issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
Charlie Angus,
James Bezan,
Claude Drouin,
Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
David Kilgour,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Mary Komarynsky, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial
Programs Branch;

Danny Foster, Acting Director General, Farm Income &
Adaptation Policy;

Michele Taylor, Executive Director, Farm Income Programs
Directorate.

Angela Crandall
Committee Clerk

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 27

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, David Kilgour, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Mary Komarynsky, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch; Danny Foster, Acting Director General, Farm Income & Adaptation Policy; Michele Taylor, Executive Director, Farm Income Programs Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization (CAIS) Program and other farm income issues.

The Assistant Deputy Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses answered questions.

Denise Poirier-Rivard moved, — That, in the Committee's opinion, the government should increase its contribution for agriculture indicated in the 2005 budget, in view of the crisis facing farmers in Quebec and throughout the country.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 3.

By unanimous consent, on motion of James Bezan, it was agreed, — That the Minister for Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada do appear before the Standing Committee as soon as possible to provide full details into the government's response to the continued border closure against Canadian cattle and to outline plans for improved support for the beef industry.

At 5:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Committee Clerk

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle. Lib.

Meeting No. 28

Thursday, March 10, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing session on Farm Credit Canada Activities and the BSE Crisis, and Other Farm Income Issues

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
James Bezan,
Roger Gaudet,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz
and Paul Steckle.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Simms for Rose-Marie Ur.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Farm Credit Canada:

John Ryan, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Greg Stewart, Senior Vice-President, National Operations;
Jim Taylor, Vice-President, Venture Capital.

Angela Crandall
Committee Clerk



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Meeting No. 28

Thursday, March 10, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, James Bezan, Roger Gaudet, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz and Paul Steckle.

Acting Members present: Scott Simms for Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Farm Credit Canada: John Ryan, President and Chief Executive Officer; Greg Stewart, Senior Vice-President, National Operations; Jim Taylor, Vice-President, Venture Capital.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing session on Farm Credit Canada Activities and the BSE Crisis, and Other Farm Income Issues.

The Committee observed a moment of silence out of respect for the RCMP officers who were killed last week.

Mr. Ryan made a statement and with the other witnesses answered questions.

At 5:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall
Committee Clerk

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the strategy for repositioning the livestock industry.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson
James Bezan
Hon. Claude Drouin
Hon. Wayne Easter
Roger Gaudet
Hon. David Kilgour
Denise Poirier-Rivard
Gerry Ritz
Paul Steckle
Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Diane Finley for Larry Miller,
Peter Stoffer for Charlie Angus.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal
Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Andy Mitchell, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

WITNESSES:

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:
Leonard J. Edwards, Deputy Minister.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:
André Gravel, Executive Vice-President.

Canadian Cattlemen's Association:
Stan Eby, President;
Robert McNabb, Assistant Manager;
Betty Green, Chair, Animal Health Committee;
Brad Wildeman.

Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors:
Brian Walton, Vice President.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, David Kilgour, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Diane Finley for Larry Miller and Peter Stoffer for Charlie Angus.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Andy Mitchell, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Witnesses: Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Leonard J. Edwards, Deputy Minister. *Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* André Gravel, Executive Vice-President. *Canadian Cattlemen's Association:* Stan Eby, President; Robert McNabb, Assistant Manager; Betty Green, Chair, Animal Health Committee; Brad Wildeman. *Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors:* Brian Walton, Vice President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the strategy for repositioning the livestock industry.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

David L. Anderson moved, — That the Committee request that the Government provide a full and accurate accounting of announced, budgeted, and actual spending for the BSE crisis, by program and that the Auditor General be requested to audit federal spending on the BSE crisis thus far.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 8; NAYS: 3.

At 4:35 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:40 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

Betty Green and Brian Walton made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

At 5:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 30

Thursday, March 24, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Charlie Angus,
James Bezan,
Hon. Claude Drouin,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet
and Hon. David Kilgour.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Diane Finley for Larry Miller.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Federation of Agriculture:

Bob Friesen, President;

Heather Holland, Food Safety.

Beyond Factory Farming Coalition:

Cathy Holtslander, Project Organizer.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 30

Thursday, March 24, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet and David Kilgour.

Acting Members present: Diane Finley for Larry Miller.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Federation of Agriculture: Bob Friesen, President; Heather Holland, Food Safety.
Beyond Factory Farming Coalition: Cathy Holtslander, Project Organizer.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

Cathy Holtslander and Bob Friesen made statements and answered questions.

At 5:07 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera* to consider matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food be granted an operational budget of \$36,000.00 for its study of Bill C-27.

It was agreed, — That the meeting of April 12, 2005 in relation to Bill C-27 be televised.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2005/03/31 1:59 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
James Bezan,
Hon. Claude Drouin,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Hon. David Kilgour,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Jean Crowder for Charlie Angus.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

National Farmers Union:

Terry Pugh, Executive Secretary;
Barry Robinson, National Board - Ontario;
Colleen Ross, Women's Vice President.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, David Kilgour, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Jean Crowder for Charlie Angus.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: National Farmers Union: Terry Pugh, Executive Secretary; Barry Robinson, National Board - Ontario; Colleen Ross, Women's Vice President.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 38,950.40, for the Committee's travel to Riding Mountain National Park Region of Manitoba during the week of April 25, 2005, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

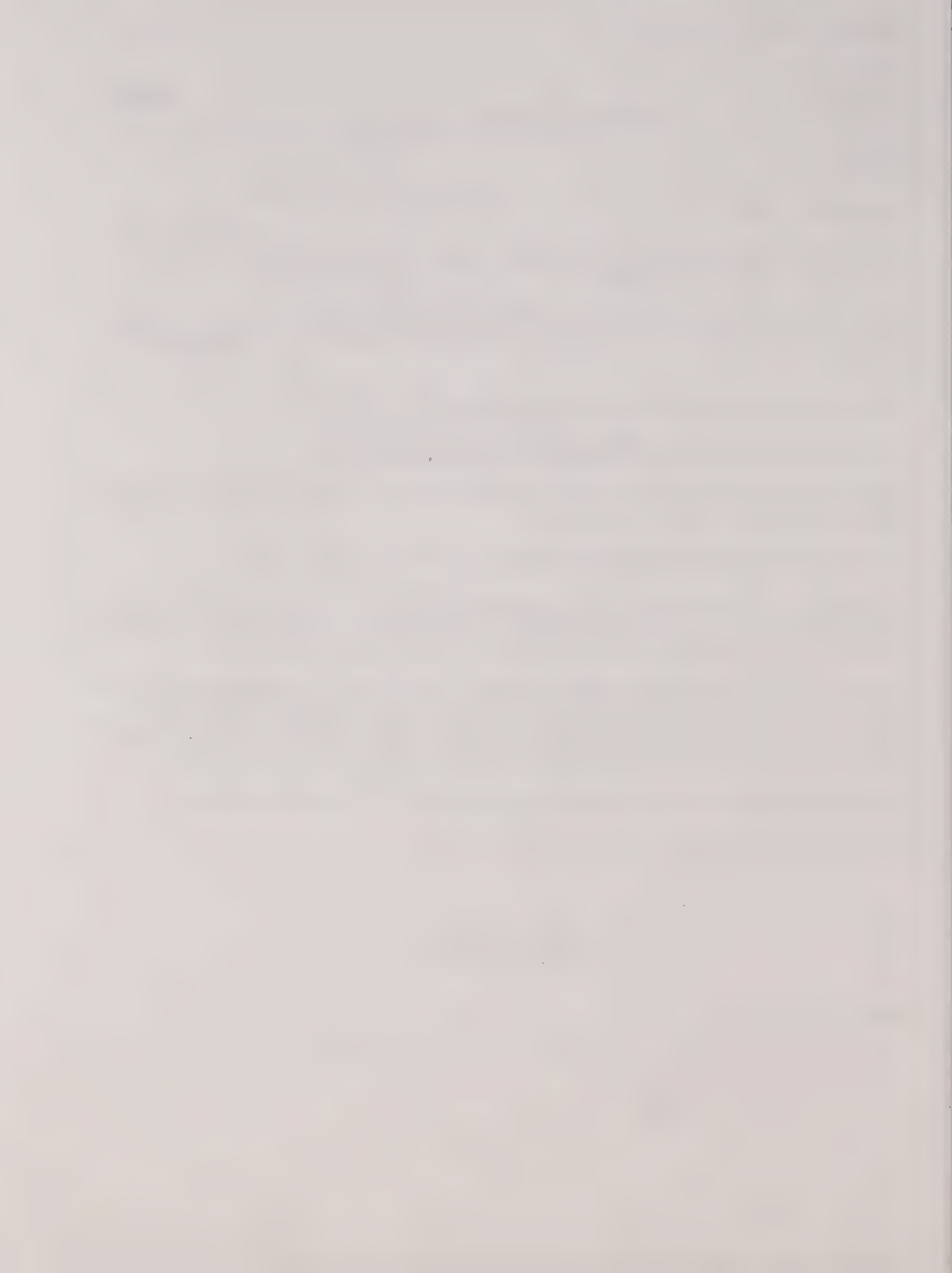
Colleen Ross and Terry Pugh made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 32

Thursday, April 7, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of avian flu - follow-up of the fact-finding mission to Abbotsford .

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peter Julian for Charlie Angus,
and Randy White for James Bezan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Livestock Identification Agency:

Dennis McKerracher, Vice President;

Mike Dexter, General Manager;

Randy Eros, Director.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 32

Thursday, April 7, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Peter Julian for Charlie Angus and Randy White for James Bezan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Livestock Identification Agency: Dennis McKerracher, Vice President; Mike Dexter, General Manager; Randy Eros, Director.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

Dennis McKerracher and Michael Dexter made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 4:33 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:36 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of avian flu - follow-up of the fact-finding mission to Abbotsford.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 5:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/08 1:22 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
Charlie Angus,
James Bezan,
Hon. Claude Drouin,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;
Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Shiv Chopra;
Lester Friedlander;
Margaret Haydon;
Gérard Lambert.

Shiv Chopra and Lester Friedlander made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 33

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Witnesses: As Individuals: Shiv Chopra; Lester Friedlander; Margaret Haydon; Gérard Lambert.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

Shiv Chopra and Lester Friedlander made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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2005/04/13 9:20 a.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 34

Thursday, April 14, 2005

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 34

Thursday, April 14, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 10:13 a.m. this day, in Room 307 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Roger Gaudet, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Peter Julian for Charlie Angus, Susan Kadis for Wayne Easter and Randy White for Larry Miller.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of avian flu - follow-up of the fact-finding mission to Abbotsford.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: From A Management Crisis, To Becoming Better Crisis Managers: The 2004 Avian Influenza Outbreak in British Columbia.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and Analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report and that the Clerk inform the members of the final draft before it is tabled.

At 11:34 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/25 4:46 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle. Lib.

Meeting No. 35

Thursday, April 14, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
James Bezan,
Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nathan Cullen for Charlie Angus.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Labour Congress:

David Bennett, National Director, Health, Safety and Environment
Department.

Canadian Veterinary Medical Association:

Keith Campbell, President.

As an Individual:

Ann Clark, Associate Professor.

Alberta Food Processors' Association:

Ted Johnston, President & Chief Executive Officer.

Canadian Health Coalition:

Michael McBane, National Coordinator.

Atlantic Veterinary College:

Tim Ogilvie, Dean, Chair, Expert Committee on Animal
Genomics, Biotechnology and Reproduction, Canadian Agri-Food
Research Council.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 35

Thursday, April 14, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, James Bezan, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Nathan Cullen for Charlie Angus.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Labour Congress: David Bennett, National Director, Health, Safety and Environment Department. *Canadian Veterinary Medical Association:* Keith Campbell, President. *As an Individual:* Ann Clark, Associate Professor. *Alberta Food Processors' Association:* Ted Johnston, President & Chief Executive Officer. *Canadian Health Coalition:* Michael McBane, National Coordinator. *Atlantic Veterinary College:* Tim Ogilvie, Dean, Chair, Expert Committee on Animal Genomics, Biotechnology and Reproduction, Canadian Agri-Food Research Council.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

Ann Clark, David Bennett, Ted Johnston, Michael McBane, Keith Campbell and Tim Ogilvie made statements and answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/15 2:34 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Charlie Angus,
James Bezan,
Hon. Claude Drouin,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Kevin Sorenson for David L. Anderson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Special Crops Association:

Steve Foster, President;

François Catellier, Executive Director.

Ottawa-Carleton Wildlife Centre:

Donna DuBreuil, President.

Food Processors of Canada:

Christopher J. Kyte, President.

Animal Nutrition Association of Canada:

Kathleen Sullivan, General Manager.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Kevin Sorenson for David L. Anderson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Special Crops Association: Steve Foster, President; François Catellier, Executive Director. *Ottawa-Carleton Wildlife Centre:* Donna DuBreuil, President. *Food Processors of Canada:* Christopher J. Kyte, President. *Animal Nutrition Association of Canada:* Kathleen Sullivan, General Manager.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed on division, — That, witnesses be given 10 minutes for their opening statement; that, at the discretion of the Chair, during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated 7 minutes for the first questioner of each party; that before the second round of questioning, other members who have not spoken and who wish to speak may do so for 5 minutes; and that thereafter, 5 minutes be allocated to each subsequent questioner alternating between Government and Opposition parties.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

Kathleen Sullivan, Steve Foster, François Catellier, Christopher J. Kyte and Donna DuBreuil made statements and answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/20 2:33 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 37

Thursday, April 21, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard
and Gerry Ritz.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Don Boudria for Paul Steckle,
Diane Finley for David L. Anderson,
and Kevin Sorenson for James Bezan.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Rick Casson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Alberta Beef Producers:

Arno Doerksen, Past Chairman.

Alberta Cattle Feeders' Association:

Kee Jim, Veterinarian, Feedlot Health Management Services.

CropLife Canada:

Denise Dewar, Executive Director, Plant Biotechnology.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 37

Thursday, April 21, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Vice-Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard and Gerry Ritz.

Acting Members present: Hon. Don Boudria for Paul Steckle, Diane Finley for David L. Anderson and Kevin Sorenson for James Bezan.

Associate Members present: Rick Casson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Alberta Beef Producers: Arno Doerksen, Past Chairman. *Alberta Cattle Feeders' Association:* Kee Jim, Veterinarian, Feedlot Health Management Services. *CropLife Canada:* Denise Dewar, Executive Director, Plant Biotechnology.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

Arno Doerksen, Kee Jim and Denise Dewar made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That all amendments to Bill C-27 be circulated to Committee members and CFIA officials on Monday, May 2, 2005.

It was agreed, — That the Committee study Bill C-40 on Wednesdays, May 4, 11 and 18, 2005.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/25 9:56 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle. Lib.

Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
Charlie Angus,
James Bezan,
Claude Drouin,
Wayne Easter,
Mark Eyking,
Roger Gaudet,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Kristine Stolarik, Executive Director, Liaison, Preparedness and
Policy Coordination;

Mark McCombs, Head and General Counsel, Legal Services.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Mark Eyking, Roger Gaudet, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Kristine Stolarik, Executive Director, Liaison, Preparedness and Policy Coordination; Mark McCombs, Head and General Counsel, Legal Services.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

The Chair calls Clause 1.

The witnesses answered questions.

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing, in the French version, line 20 on page 3 with the following:

“ « produit réglementé » Toute chose à laquelle s'ap-”

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter and it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, Clause 2, as amended, was allowed to stand.

On New Clause 2.1,

Denise Poirier-Rivard moved, — That Bill C-27 be amended by adding after line 6 on page 4 the following new clause:

2.1 Nothing in this Act shall be construed as derogating from the terms of the Framework Agreement concerning Food, Agricultural Input and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Activities in Quebec, entered into by the Government of Canada and the Government of Quebec in 1998.”

The question was put on the amendment of Denise Poirier-Rivard and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 9.

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27 be amended by adding after line 6 on page 4 the following new clause:

“2.1 This Act is binding on Her Majesty in right of Canada or a province.”

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

On Clause 3,

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 3, be amended by adding after line 24 on page 4 the following:

“(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to farming activities that are not mentioned in paragraphs (1)(a) to (e), or to the operation of an establishment to engage in such farming activities.”

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the amendment was allowed to stand.

By unanimous consent, Clause 3 was allowed to stand.

On Clause 4,

Denise Poirier-Rivard moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 4, be amended by replacing lines 25 to 34 on page 4 with the following:

“4. (1) The Minister may attach conditions to a licence in accordance with the regulations.”

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Denise Poirier-Rivard and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Clause 4, as amended, carried.

On Clause 5,

Denise Poirier-Rivard moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 5, be amended

(a) by replacing line 1 on page 5 with the following:

“5. (1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), the Minister may suspend or revoke a”

(b) by adding after line 3 on page 5 the following:

“(2) Except where a situation exists that poses an immediate risk to human or animal health, the Minister shall not suspend or revoke a licence unless the licence holder

(a) has been notified in writing that the Minister considers that the holder has contravened the conditions of the licence; and

(b) has been given an adequate opportunity to remedy any such contravention.

(3) A licence holder whose licence has been suspended or revoked may appeal the suspension or revocation in accordance with the regulations.”

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the amendment was allowed to stand.

By unanimous consent, Clause 5 was allowed to stand.

Clause 6 carried.

On Clause 7,

Charlie Angus moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 7, be amended by deleting lines 24 to 29 on page 5.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Clause 7 carried.

On Clause 8,

Denise Poirier-Rivard moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 8, be amended

(a) by replacing line 1 on page 6 with the following:

“8. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the Agency may enter into an arrange-”

(b) by adding after line 7 on page 6 the following:

“(2) The Agency shall not enter into an arrangement referred to in subsection (1) if that arrangement could result in the disclosure of commercial information that might harm the business of Canadian producers.”

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Denise Poirier-Rivard and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 8.

Gerry Ritz moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 8, be amended

(a) by replacing line 1 on page 6 with the following:

“8. (1) The Agency may enter into an arrange-”

(b) by adding after line 7 on page 6 the following:

“(2) The information referred to in subsection (1) may be collected, used or disclosed only in accordance with the requirements of the *Access to Information Act* and the *Privacy Act*.”

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Gerry Ritz and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Clause 8, as amended, carried.

On Clause 9,

Charlie Angus moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 9, be amended by replacing lines 9 to 11 on page 6 with the following:

“Agency may, with the express consent of the Minister, enter into arrangements in writing with an agency or organization of a foreign government that has powers and duties similar to those of the Agency respecting the”

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Charlie Angus and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 10.

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 9, be amended by

(a) replacing line 9 on page 6 with the following:

“Agency may, with the approval of the Minister, enter into arrangements with a”

(b) by replacing line 30 on page 6 with the following:

“Agency may, with the approval of the Minister, enter into arrangements with a”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter and it was agreed to.

Clause 9, as amended, carried.

On New Clause 9.1,

Charlie Angus moved, — That Bill C-27 be amended by adding after line 33 on page 6 the following new clause:

“9.1 The Minister may enter into arrangements in writing with a foreign government or an international

organization established by more than one foreign government regarding any matter referred to in section 9.”

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Clauses 10 to 13 inclusive carried severally.

By unanimous consent, Clause 14 was allowed to stand.

Clause 15 carried.

On Clause 16,

Gerry Ritz moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 16, be amended by replacing lines 4 and 5 on page 10 with the following:

“(2) No person shall knowingly possess a regulated product that”

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Gerry Ritz and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

David L. Anderson moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 16, be amended by replacing line 5 on page 10 with the following:

“product that the person knows”

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of David L. Anderson and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 39

Wednesday, May 4, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, April 19, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-40, An Act to amend the Canada Grain Act and the Canada Transportation Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
James Bezan,
Claude Drouin,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Western Grain Elevator Association:

Cam Dahl, Government Relations and Policy Development
Officer, Agricore United.

Transport Canada:

John Dobson, Senior Policy Coordinator Grain Monitoring,
Surface Transportation Policy.

Canadian Grain Commission:

Reg Gosselin, Director, Corporate Services.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Howard Migie, Director General, Strategic Policy Branch.

Inland Terminal Association of Canada:

Garry Petrie, Chairman.

Canadian Pacific Railway:

Marc Shannon, Senior Counsel, Legal Services.

Western Grain Elevator Association:

Richard Wansbutter, Vice-President, Commercial Relations,
Saskatchewan Wheat Pool.

Inland Terminal Association of Canada:

Trent Weber, Director.

Canadian Pacific Railway:

Janet Weiss, General Manager, Grain, Bulk Commodities &
Government Affairs.

Grain Growers of Canada:

Rick White, Policy Analyst, Canadian Canola Growers
Association.

Cam Dahl made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Rick White and Janet Weiss made statements and, answered questions.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 39

Wednesday, May 4, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 705 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Western Grain Elevator Association: Cam Dahl, Government Relations and Policy Development Officer, Agricore United. *Transport Canada:* John Dobson, Senior Policy Coordinator Grain Monitoring, Surface Transportation Policy. *Canadian Grain Commission:* Reg Gosselin, Director, Corporate Services. *Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:* Howard Migie, Director General, Strategic Policy Branch. *Inland Terminal Association of Canada:* Garry Petrie, Chairman. *Canadian Pacific Railway:* Marc Shannon, Senior Counsel, Legal Services. *Western Grain Elevator Association:* Richard Wansbutter, Vice-President, Commercial Relations, Saskatchewan Wheat Pool. *Inland Terminal Association of Canada:* Trent Weber, Director. *Canadian Pacific Railway:* Janet Weiss, General Manager, , Grain, Bulk Commodities & Government Affairs. *Grain Growers of Canada:* Rick White, Policy Analyst, Canadian Canola Growers Association.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, April 19, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-40, An Act to amend the Canada Grain Act and the Canada Transportation Act.

The Chair called Clause 1.

Howard Migie made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:26 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:28 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Cam Dahl made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:44 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:28 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Rick White and Janet Weiss made statements and, answered questions.

At 5:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 40

Thursday, May 5, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
James Bezan,
Hon. Claude Drouin,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Roger Gaudet,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Ted Menzies for Larry Miller.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Kristine Stolarik, Executive Director, Liaison, Preparedness and
Policy Coordination;

Mark McCombs, Head and General Counsel, Legal Services;
Jane Dudley, Legal Counsel.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 40

Thursday, May 5, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Mark Eyking, Roger Gaudet, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Ted Menzies for Larry Miller.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Kristine Stolarik, Executive Director, Liaison, Preparedness and Policy Coordination; Mark McCombs, Head and General Counsel, Legal Services; Jane Dudley, Legal Counsel.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

The witnesses answered questions.

Clause 17 carried on division.

Clause 18 carried on division.

On Clause 19,

David L. Anderson moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 19, be amended by replacing line 21 on page 10 with the following:

“product that”

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of David L. Anderson and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

Clause 19 carried on division.

Clause 20 carried on division.

On Clause 21,

James Bezan moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 21, be amended by replacing line 9 on page 11 with the following:

“21. (1) No person shall knowingly prepare a food with”

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of James Bezan and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

Clause 21 carried on division.

Clause 22 carried on division.

After debate, Clause 23 carried by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 3.

On Clause 24,

James Bezan moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 24, be amended by replacing line 7 on page 12 with the following:

“24. The President may designate accepted methods”

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Clause 24 carried on division.

On Clause 25,

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 25, be amended by

(a) deleting lines 38 and 39 on page 12; and

(b) adding after line 5 on page 14 the following:

“ (4) An inspector may restrict or prohibit the movement of, or hold, a regulated product in order to determine whether the regulated product meets the requirements established by or under the Agency-related Acts.

(5) The inspector shall communicate the restriction, prohibition or hold by notice sent to, or served on, the owner or person having the possession, care or control of the regulated product.

(6) If the inspector determines that the regulated product meets the requirements established by or under the Agency-related Acts, the inspector shall without delay cancel the restriction, prohibition or hold.

(7) The inspector shall communicate the cancellation by notice sent to, or served on, the person to or on whom the notice under subsection (5) was sent or served.”

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the amendment was allowed to stand.

Denise Poirier-Rivard moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 25, be amended by replacing line 13 on page 13 with the following:

“thing, take a reasonable number of samples of the product or thing”

Debate arose thereon.

On motion of Gerry Ritz, it was agreed, — That the amendment be amended by inserting the word “related” before the word “thing”.

The question was put on the amendment of Denise Poirier-Rivard, as amended, and it was agreed to.

Denise Poirier-Rivard moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 25, be amended by adding after line 5 on page 14 the following:

“(4) No information obtained by an inspector or officer under this section may be transmitted to another person except for the purposes of a prosecution under this Act.”

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

James Bezan moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 25, be amended by adding after line 5 on page 14 the following:

“(4) No inspector shall carry out an inspection unless he or she has received the specific education and training necessary to carry out the inspection in a competent manner.”

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the amendment was allowed to stand.

By unanimous consent, Clause 25 was allowed to stand.

At 5:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, April 19, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-40, An Act to amend the Canada Grain Act and the Canada Transportation Act.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
Charlie Angus,
James Bezan,
Claude Drouin,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Mark Eyking,
Roger Gaudet,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Bev Desjarlais for Charlie Angus.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

House of Commons:

Wayne Cole, Legislative Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Transport Canada:

John Dobson, Senior Policy Coordinator Grain Monitoring,
Surface Transportation Policy.

Canadian Grain Commission:

Reg Gosselin, Director, Corporate Services.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Howard Migie, Director General, Strategic Policy Branch.

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Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Mark Eyking, Roger Gaudet, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Bev Desjarlais for Charlie Angus.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal. *House of Commons:* Wayne Cole, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: Transport Canada: John Dobson, Senior Policy Coordinator Grain Monitoring, Surface Transportation Policy. *Canadian Grain Commission:* Reg Gosselin, Director, Corporate Services. *Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:* Howard Migie, Director General, Strategic Policy Branch.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, April 19, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-40, An Act to amend the Canada Grain Act and the Canada Transportation Act.

The Committee resumed its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

The witnesses answered questions.

Clause 1 carried.

On Clause 2,

Bev Desjarlais moved, — That Bill C-40, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing line 9 on page 1 with the following:

“replaced by the following:

(a) shall notify the Commission immediately after grain of any grade received into, in or discharged from the elevator is mixed with grain of any other grade; and”

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Bev Desjarlais and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 10.

Clause 2 carried on division.

New Clause 2.1

Gerry Ritz moved, — That Bill C-40 be amended by adding after line 11 on page 1 the following new clause:

“2.1 The Act is amended by adding the following after section 120:

REVIEW AND REPORT

120.1 Within a year after the coming into force of this section, the Minister shall cause:

(a) an independent and comprehensive review of the Commission and of the provisions and operation of this Act to be conducted; and

(b) a report on the review to be laid before each House of Parliament, including a statement of any changes recommended by the authors of the review.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Gerry Ritz and it was agreed to.

Clause 3 carried on division.

Clause 4 carried on division.

The Bill, as amended, carried on division.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

At 4:11 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:14 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food be granted an operational budget of \$20, 450.00 for its study on Bill C-40.

Rose-Marie Ur moved, — That the Committee submit a budget to the Subcommittee on Committee Budgets for travel to Geneva, Paris and London in the fall of 2005.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 4:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 42

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006, Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40, and Report on Plans and Priorities under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
Charlie Angus,
James Bezan,
Hon. Claude Drouin,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Roger Gaudet,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Diane Finley for Gerry Ritz,
and Alan Tonks for Mark Eyking.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;
Marc LeBlanc, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Andy Mitchell, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

WITNESSES:

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Christiane Ouimet, Associate Deputy Minister;
James Roberge, Director General, Finance and Resource
Management Services, Corporate Management;
Mary Komarynsky, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial
Programs Branch;
Andrew Marsland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry
Services Branch;
Suzanne Vinet, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy
Branch;
Christiane Deslauriers, Acting Director General, Science Bureau.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Richard B. Fadden, President;
Gordon R. White, Vice-President, Corporate Services;
Krista L. Mountjoy, Vice President, Operations;
Robert Carberry, Vice President, Programs;
Gary J. Little, Veterinary Program Officer, Disease Control.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 42

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Mark Eyking, Roger Gaudet, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Diane Finley for Gerry Ritz and Alan Tonks for Mark Eyking.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Marc LeBlanc, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Andy Mitchell, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Witnesses: Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Christiane Ouimet, Associate Deputy Minister; James Roberge, Director General, Finance and Resource Management Services, Corporate Management. *Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Richard B. Fadden, President; Gordon R. White, Vice-President, Corporate Services. *Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:* Mary Komarynsky, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch; Andrew Marsland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Market and Industry Services Branch; Suzanne Vinet, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy Branch; Christiane Deslauriers, Acting Director General, Science Bureau. *Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Krista L. Mountjoy, Vice President, Operations; Robert Carberry, Vice President, Programs; Gary J. Little, Veterinary Program Officer, Disease Control.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2005-2006, Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD referred to the Committee on Friday, February 25, 2005.

The Chair called Vote 1 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD.

The minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:32 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:33 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The witnesses answered questions.

By unanimous consent, the Chair called Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD.

Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, under AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD to the House.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

David L. Anderson moved, — That the Auditor General be requested to audit federal spending on the Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization Program thus far.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
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2005/05/18 1:21 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 43

Thursday, May 19, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
Charlie Angus,
James Bezan,
Claude Drouin,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Roger Gaudet,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Mark McCombs, Head and General Counsel, Legal Services;

Kristine Stolarik, Executive Director, Liaison, Preparedness and
Policy Coordination.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 43

Thursday, May 19, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Mark Eyking, Roger Gaudet, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Mark McCombs, Head and General Counsel, Legal Services; Kristine Stolarik, Executive Director, Liaison, Preparedness and Policy Coordination.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That in the event that the report required by the motion of February 1, 2005, is not made to the Committee during this Parliament, the documents are to be retained by the Clerk to be dealt with in such manner as may be directed by the successor Committee established by the 39th Parliament. If the Clerk receives no such direction within 30 days of the establishment of the successor Committee, the documents provided to the Clerk in accordance with the motions dated March 29 and April 21, 2004 and February 1, 2005 shall be destroyed.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

The Committee resumed its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

The witnesses answered questions.

Clause 26 carried.

Clause 27 carried on division.

By unanimous consent, Clause 27 previously carried was reconsidered.

Clause 27 carried on division.

On Clause 28,

Charlie Angus moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 28, be amended by replacing line 11 on page 15 with the following:

“shall show his or her certificate of”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Charlie Angus and it was agreed to on division.

Clause 28, as amended, carried on division.

On Clause 29,

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 29, be amended by replacing, in the English version, line 21 on page 15 with the following:

“his or her powers and carry out his or her duties and”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter and it was agreed to on division.

By unanimous consent, Clause 29 was allowed to stand.

Clause 30 carried on division.

New Clause 30.1

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27 be amended by adding after line 17 on page 16 the following:

30.1 (1) An inspector who believes on reasonable grounds as a result of an inspection that a regulated product does not meet the requirements established by or under an Agency-related Act shall communicate that belief by notice sent to, or served on, the owner or person having the possession, care or control of the regulated product.

(2) The owner or person having the possession, care or control of the regulated product may, within the prescribed time, in writing to the President request a re-inspection of the product, except in the following circumstances:

(a) the product has been ordered to be removed from Canada under subsection 30(1);

(b) the product has been seized under section 31;

(c) the product has been ordered to be recalled, to be sent to a place or to be disposed of under subsection 19(1) or (1.1) of the *Canadian Food Inspection Agency Act*;

(d) the product is an animal, animal product, animal by-product, veterinary biologic or other thing in respect of which the *Health of Animals Act* applies; or

(e) the product is a plant or other thing in respect of which the *Plant Protection Act* applies.

(3) The President shall name an inspector, other than the inspector who carried out the initial inspection, to carry out the re-inspection.

(4) A regulated product that has been re-inspected under this section may not be the subject of a request for a further re-inspection.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter and it was agreed to on division.

Clause 31 carried on division.

On Clause 32,

Charlie Angus moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 32, be amended by replacing lines 20 to 22 on page 17 with the following:

“a warrant exist but it would not be practical to obtain one because the delay necessary to obtain a warrant would result in danger to human life or safety or the loss or destruction of evidence.”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was allowed to stand.

Charlie Angus moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 32, be amended by adding after line 22 on page 17 the following:

“(5.1) For the purposes of subsection (5), exigent circumstances include circumstances in which the delay necessary to obtain a warrant would result in danger to human life or safety or the loss or destruction of evidence.”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was allowed to stand.

By unanimous consent, Clause 32 was allowed to stand.

Clause 33 carried on division.

On Clause 34,

Charlie Angus moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 34, be amended by adding after line 36 on page 18 the following:

“(6) Where the owner of a regulated product or the person having the possession, care or control of a regulated product has incurred any expense as a result of the exercise of the Agency’s powers under this section and the owner or person is not found to have committed an offence under this Act or an Agency-related Act, the owner or person may apply for compensation in the prescribed manner to the Review Tribunal continued by subsection 4.1(1) of the *Canada Agricultural Products Act*.”

Debate arose thereon.

At 5:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, May 31, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson
Charlie Angus
Hon. Claude Drouin
Hon. Wayne Easter
Hon. Mark Eyking
Roger Gaudet
Larry Miller
Denise Poirier-Rivard
Gerry Ritz
Paul Steckle
Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Brian Fitzpatrick for James Bezan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Jane Dudley, Counsel, Legal Services

Mark McCombs, Head and General Counsel, Legal Services

Kristine Stolarik, Executive Director, Liaison, Preparedness and
Policy Coordination.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, May 31, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Mark Eyking, Roger Gaudet, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Brian Fitzpatrick for James Bezan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Jane Dudley, Legal Counsel; Mark McCombs, Head and General Counsel, Legal Services; Kristine Stolarik, Executive Director, Liaison, Preparedness and Policy Coordination.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

The Committee resumed its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

The witnesses answered questions.

On Clause 34,

The Committee resumed consideration of the amendment of Charlie Angus, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 34, be amended by adding after line 36 on page 18 the following:

“(6) Where the owner of a regulated product or the person having the possession, care or control of a regulated product has incurred any expense as a result of the exercise of the Agency’s powers under this section and the owner or person is not found to have committed an offence under this Act or an Agency-related Act, the owner or person may apply for compensation in the prescribed manner to the Review Tribunal continued by subsection 4.1(1) of the *Canada Agricultural Products Act*.”

The debate continued.

The question was put on the amendment and the result of the vote was announced: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 4.

Whereupon, the Chair voted in the negative.

Accordingly, the amendment was negatived.

Clause 34 carried on division.

On Clause 35,

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 35, be amended by adding after line 3 on page 20 the following:

“(7) Despite subsection (6), the court shall not order the seized thing to be returned if

(a) in the case of an animal, animal product, animal by-product, veterinary biologic or other thing in respect of which the *Health of Animals Act* applies, it is, or is suspected to being, affected or contaminated by a disease or toxic substance as defined in subsection 2(1) of that Act; or

(b) in the case of a plant or other thing in respect of which the *Plant Protection Act* applies, it is a pest, is infested with a pest or constitutes a biological obstacle to the control of a pest.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter and it was agreed to on division.

Clause 35, as amended, carried on division.

Clauses 36 to 39 inclusive carried on division severally.

On Clause 40,

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 40, be amended by replacing line 6 on page 21 with the following:

“40. No person shall, with intent to deceive, make a false or mislead-”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter and it was agreed to on division.

Clause 40, as amended, carried on division.

Clauses 41 to 43 inclusive carried on division severally.

On Clause 44,

Charlie Angus moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 44, be amended by replacing line 32 on page 21 with the following:

“to in subsection (2) who has been convicted of an offence under this Act or an Agency-related Act any costs incurred by Her”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was allowed to stand.

By unanimous consent, Clause 44 was allowed to stand.

By unanimous consent, Clause 45 was allowed to stand.

On Clause 46,

Charlie Angus moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 46, be amended by replacing line 25 on page 22 with the following:

“a sample under this Act unless the loss, damage or costs were the result of a failure to exercise due diligence by an agent or employee of Her Majesty or the Agency.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Charlie Angus and it was agreed to on division.

Clause 46, as amended, carried on division.

On Clause 47,

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 47, be amended by replacing, in the English version, line 39 on page 22 with the following:

“34(1)(b) or subsection 34(3) unless he or she had”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter and it was agreed to on division.

Clause 47, as amended, carried on division.

Clause 48 carried on division.

Clause 49 carried by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 4.

Clause 50 carried by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 4.

Clause 51 carried on division.

Clause 52 carried on division.

On Clause 53,

David L. Anderson moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 53, be amended

(a) by replacing line 4 on page 24 with the following:

“time within, but not later than, one year after”

(b) by replacing line 11 on page 24 with the following:

“at any time within, but not later than, one year”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of David L. Anderson and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

Clause 53 carried on division.

At 5:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/03 2:57 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 45

Wednesday, June 1, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
Charlie Angus,
Claude Drouin,
Wayne Easter,
Mark Eyking,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bernard Bigras for Roger Gaudet,
and Randy Kamp for James Bezan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Mark McCombs, Head and General Counsel, Legal Services;
Kristine Stolarik, Executive Director, Liaison, Preparedness and
Policy Coordination;
Jane Dudley, Counsel, Legal Services.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 45

Wednesday, June 1, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 705 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Mark Eyking, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Bernard Bigras for Roger Gaudet and Randy Kamp for James Bezan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Mark McCombs, Head and General Counsel, Legal Services; Kristine Stolarik, Executive Director, Liaison, Preparedness and Policy Coordination; Jane Dudley, Legal Counsel.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

The Committee resumed its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

The witnesses answered questions.

Clause 54 carried on division.

On New Clause 54.1,

Charlie Angus moved, — That Bill C-27 be amended by adding after line 45 on page 24 the following new clause:

“GUIDELINES

54.1 (1) The Minister shall establish procedures, rules or guidelines to be followed by the Agency and its inspectors and officers in carrying out their duties and functions under this Act or any Agency-related Act.

(2) Any procedures, rules or guidelines proposed to be made under this section shall be published in the *Canada Gazette* and a reasonable opportunity shall be given to interested persons to make representations to the Minister with respect to those proposed procedures, rules or guidelines.

(3) For greater certainty, any procedures, rules or guidelines established under this section are statutory instruments for the purposes of the *Statutory Instruments Act*.”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

On Clause 55,

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 55, be amended by replacing line 6 on page 25 with the following:

“under sections 35 and 37, with any modifications that the circumstances require.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter and it was agreed to on division.

Clause 55, as amended, carried on division.

On New Clauses 55.1,

Gerry Ritz moved, — That Bill C-27 be amended by adding after line 19 on page 25 the following new clauses:

“ADJUDICATION TRIBUNAL

55.1 (1) The Minister shall appoint a tribunal for the purpose of adjudicating claims referred to in subsection 55.2(1).

(2) No person is eligible to be appointed a member of the tribunal unless the person has knowledge and experience related to agriculture or agri-food.

(3) The tribunal shall include representatives from the private and public sectors, and at least one member must be a barrister or advocate of at least ten years' standing at the bar of any province or a notary of at least ten years' standing at the Chambre des notaires du Québec.

(4) The members of the tribunal shall hold office during good behaviour, but may be removed by the Minister for cause.

(5) Each member of the tribunal shall be appointed for a term not exceeding five years and is eligible for re-appointment.

(6) The tribunal may pass by-laws governing the conduct of its affairs.

(7) Each member of the tribunal shall be paid such remuneration as the Governor in Council may fix, and be reimbursed for reasonable travel and other expenses incurred while performing the member's duties outside the member's ordinary place of residence.

(8) The Minister may make regulations respecting the proceedings of the tribunal and all other matters relating to the tribunal and its members.

55.2 (1) Any person who has suffered a financial loss as a result of the frivolous, vexatious or otherwise improper action of a person acting on behalf of the Agency may file a claim with the Minister in accordance with this section.

(2) The Minister shall, upon receipt of a claim referred to in subsection (1), refer the matter for hearing

to the tribunal appointed under section 55.1.

(3) The tribunal may, in relation to any claim before it,

(a) summon and enforce the attendance of witnesses and compel them to give oral or written evidence on oath and to produce such documents and things as the tribunal deems requisite to the full investigation and consideration of the claim;

(b) administer oaths and solemn affirmations; and

(c) receive and accept such evidence and information on oath, affidavit or otherwise as the tribunal sees fit, whether or not it would be admissible in a court of law.

(4) The tribunal shall

(a) hear the claim within 30 days after it is filed;

(b) determine the procedure to be followed, while giving full opportunity to the parties to present evidence and make submissions;

(c) consider all information relating to the claim;

(d) decide, on a balance of probabilities, whether the claim is valid; and

(e) within 30 days after hearing the claim, send a copy of the decision with the reasons for the decision to each party and to the Minister.

(5) Where the tribunal decides in accordance with paragraph (4)(d) that a person has a valid claim against the Agency, the tribunal shall, by order, require the Agency to make restitution to the person in an amount that the tribunal considers adequate to compensate the person for the financial loss suffered by the person.

(6) Any person who has been granted restitution by means of an order made under subsection (5) may file in the Federal Court a copy of the order, exclusive of the reasons for the order.

(7) An order of the tribunal that is filed in the Federal Court under subsection (6) shall be registered in the Court and, when registered, has the same force and effect, and all proceedings may be taken thereon, as if the order were a judgment obtained in that Court.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it infringed on the financial initiative of the Crown, as provided on page 655 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Charlie Angus moved, — That Bill C-27 be amended by adding after line 19 on page 25 the following new clause:

“APPEALS

55.1 Any person affected by a decision or order of the Agency or the Minister made under this Act or an Agency-related Act may appeal that decision or order to the Federal Court on a question of law or a question of jurisdiction, on application made within 30 days after the making of the decision or order or

within such further time as that Court under special circumstances allows.”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was allowed to stand.

By unanimous consent, Clause 56 was allowed to stand.

On New Clause 56.1,

Charlie Angus moved, — That Bill C-27 be amended by adding after line 2 on page 28 the following new clause:

“**56.1** A copy of each regulation that the Governor in Council proposes to make under section 56 shall be published in the *Canada Gazette* and a reasonable opportunity shall be given to licensees and other interested persons to make representations to the Governor in Council with respect thereto.”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was allowed to stand.

Clauses 57 to 60 inclusive carried on division severally.

On New Clause 60.1,

David L. Anderson moved, — That Bill C-27 be amended by adding after line 34 on page 29 the following new clause:

“REVIEW AND ORDERS

60.1 (1) The administration of this Act shall be reviewed on a permanent basis by any committee of the House of Commons that normally considers matters relating to agriculture, and the committee shall submit, at least once a year, a report on the review to Parliament, including a statement of any changes that the committee recommends.

(2) The committee may, by order, issue to the Agency directives with respect to the enforcement of this Act.

(3) An order made under this section is binding on the Agency.

(4) A copy of each order made under this section shall be

(a) published in the *Canada Gazette*; and

(b) laid before each House of Parliament.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of David L. Anderson and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

Clauses 61 to 65 inclusive carried on division severally.

On Clause 66,

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 66, be amended by replacing line 4 on page 32 with

the following:

66. The heading before section 19 and sections 19 and 20 of the Act are repealed.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter and it was agreed to on division.

Clause 66, as amended, carried on division.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 67 to 71 inclusive were stood.

On New Clause 71.1,

Charlie Angus moved, — That Bill C-27 be amended by adding before line 19 on page 32 the following new clause:

“71.1 (1) Subsections 10(1) and (2) of the *Canadian Food Inspection Agency Act* are replaced by the following:

10. (1) The Minister shall appoint an advisory board of not more than twelve members representing all major regions of Canada. A member representing each of the following organizations shall be appointed from a list of candidates provided by those organizations: the National Farmers Union, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, the Union des Producteurs Agricoles, the Canadian Organic Growers Association, the Public Service Alliance of Canada and the Consumers' Association of Canada.

(2) The standing committee of the House of Commons that normally considers matters related to agriculture shall assess all candidates for appointment to the advisory board and make recommendations to the Minister on the eligibility and qualifications of those candidates.

(2.1) The members of the advisory board hold office during pleasure for a term not exceeding three years, which term may be renewed for one or more further terms.

(2.2) The advisory board shall advise the Minister on any matter within the responsibilities of the Agency and, in particular, carry out the following functions:

(a) provide oversight and review of all decisions made by the Agency under the *Canadian Food Inspection Agency Enforcement Act* and any other Agency-related Act that have been appealed under any of those Acts by an affected party;

(b) engage third-party audit services to ensure that the powers exercised by the Agency under the *Canadian Food Inspection Agency Enforcement Act* have been carried out in an appropriate manner;

(c) review third-party audit reports and provide recommendations to the Agency in relation to matters discussed in those reports;

(d) provide policy direction to the Agency, taking into account the challenges facing the food industry; and

(e) provide a forum for the food industry and government to discuss food safety, quality and traceability and new industry initiatives in respect of animal and plant health in a fair and equitable

manner.

(2) Subsection 10(7) of the Act is replaced by the following:

(7) The advisory board shall meet at least once every three months at the time and place determined by the Chairperson.

(8) In this section, “Agency-related Act” has the same meaning as in section 2 of the *Canadian Food Inspection Agency Enforcement Act*.”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was allowed to stand.

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27 be amended by adding before line 19 on page 32 the following:

71.1 Section 10 of the *Canadian Food Inspection Agency Act* is amended by adding the following after subsection (7):

(8) The Chairperson shall, within three months after the end of each year, submit to the Minister a report of the activities of the advisory board.

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was allowed to stand.

By unanimous consent, Clause 72 was allowed to stand.

On Clause 73,

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 73, be amended by replacing lines 3 and 4 on page 33 with the following:

“(3) The President may designate any qualified person or class of qualified persons as inspectors, analysts,”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter and it was agreed to on division.

Clause 73, as amended, carried on division.

Clause 74 carried on division.

Clause 75 carried on division.

On Clause 76,

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 76, be amended by replacing, in the English version, line 39 on page 33 with the following:

“dispose of the product at his or her expense”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter and it was agreed to on division.

Clause 76, as amended, carried on division.

Clauses 77 to 79 inclusive carried on division severally.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/03 3:07 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle. Lib.

Meeting No. 46

Thursday, June 2, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Charlie Angus,
James Bezan,
Wayne Easter,
Mark Eyking,
Roger Gaudet,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anthony Rota for Rose-Marie Ur,
and Hon. Robert Thibault for Hon. Claude Drouin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Dairy Farmers of Canada:

Richard Doyle, Executive Director.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Mark McCombs, Head and General Counsel, Legal Services;

Kristine Stolarik, Executive Director, Liaison, Preparedness and
Policy Coordination;

Carla Barry, National Manager, Fair Labelling Practices Program,
Bureau of Food Safety and Consumer Protection;

Jane Dudley, Counsel, Legal Services.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 46

Thursday, June 2, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:15 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Wayne Easter, Mark Eyking, Roger Gaudet, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Anthony Rota for Rose-Marie Ur and Hon. Robert Thibault for Hon. Claude Drouin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Dairy Farmers of Canada: Richard Doyle, Executive Director. *Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Mark McCombs, Head and General Counsel, Legal Services; Kristine Stolarik, Executive Director, Liaison, Preparedness and Policy Coordination; Carla Barry, National Manager, Fair Labelling Practices Program, Bureau of Food Safety and Consumer Protection; Jane Dudley, Counsel, Legal Services.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

The Committee resumed its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

The witnesses answered questions.

Clauses 80 to 90 inclusive carried on division severally.

By unanimous consent, Clause 91 was allowed to stand.

Clauses 92 to 127 inclusive carried on division severally.

On Clause 128,

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 128, be amended by adding after line 28 on page 41 the following:

“(2.1) On the later of the coming into force of this Act and the coming into force of the other Act, subsection 9(2) of the other Act is replaced by the following:

(2) Subject to subsection (2.1), the President may designate any person, or person within a class of persons,

(a) as an officer as defined in subsection 2(1) of the *Customs Act* to exercise any powers or perform any duties and functions of an officer under that Act that the President may specify; or

(b) as an inspector or a veterinary inspector or other officer for the enforcement of any Act or instrument made under it, or any part of an Act or instrument, that the Governor in Council or Parliament authorizes the Minister, the Agency, the President or an employee of the Agency to enforce, including the *Agriculture and Agri-Food Administrative Monetary Penalties Act*, the *Canada Agriculture Products Act*, the *Feeds Act*, the *Fertilizers Act*, the *Fish Inspection Act*, the *Health of Animals Act*, the *Meat Inspection Act*, the *Plant Protection Act* and the *Seeds Act*.

(2.1) Only a veterinarian may be designated as a veterinary inspector.

(2.2) Every inspector, officer and veterinary inspector shall be given a certificate in a form established by the President attesting to the designation of the inspector, officer or veterinary inspector.

(2.2) On the later of the coming into force of this Act and the coming into force of the other Act, subsection 9(3) of the French version other Act is replaced by the following:

(3) Le président peut exercer les pouvoirs de désignation des agents éventuellement conférés au ministre en vertu du paragraphe 6(1) de la *Loi sur l'immigration et la protection des réfugiés*.”

Debate arose thereon.

Charlie Angus moved, — That the amendment be amended by adding the word “qualified” before the words “person, or persons within a class of persons”

After debate, the question was put on the subamendment of Charlie Angus and it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, Clause 128 was allowed to stand.

By unanimous consent, Clause 129 was allowed to stand.

On Clause 65.1,

By unanimous consent, Rose-Marie Ur moved, — That Bill C-27 be amended by adding after line 3 on page 32 the following new clause:

“65.1 The Act is amended by adding the following after section 18:

Dairy ingredients

18.1(1) No person shall market an agricultural product using a dairy term on the label unless that product contains the dairy ingredient represented by the dairy term.

Substitute product

(2) No person shall market an agricultural product that has a dairy term on the label if the agricultural product is intended to substitute for a dairy product.

Exceptions

(3) Subsection (1) does not apply

(a) where the label of an agricultural product contains the term “artificial”, “simulated” or “imitation” together with the name of a dairy ingredient and the word “flavour”, and where that product has the artificial flavour of that dairy ingredient added to it;

(b) where the label of an agricultural product contains the term “flavour” or “flavoured” together with the name of a dairy ingredient, and where that flavour is derived from that dairy ingredient;

(c) where the nature of the agricultural product is clear from traditional usage or from the name by which the agricultural product is generally known; or

(d) where the name of a dairy ingredient is used to describe a sensory characteristic, other than taste, of the agricultural product.

(e) where, in the case of, an agricultural product that is derived from the normal lacteal secretion obtained from the mammary glands of any animal other than a cow, genus *Bos*, the product is labelled so as to identify that animal.

Definitions

(4) For the purposes of this section,

(a) “dairy ingredient” means butter, buttermilk, butter oil, cream, cheese, ice cream, milk, sour cream, whey, yogourt or any other thing prescribed;

(b) “dairy term” means a word, name, designation, symbol or pictorial which refers to a dairy ingredient; and

(c) “milk” means the normal lacteal secretion obtained from the mammary gland of an animal.”

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Rose-Marie Ur and it was agreed to.

At 4:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/03 3:40 p.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 47

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization (CAIS) Program and other farm income issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
James Bezan,
Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Tony Martin for Charlie Angus.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Danny Foster, Acting Director General, Farm Income &
Adaptation Policy;
Mary Komarynsky, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial
Programs Branch;
Michele Taylor, Executive Director, Farm Income Programs
Directorate.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 47

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, James Bezan, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Tony Martin for Charlie Angus.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Danny Foster, Acting Director General, Farm Income & Adaptation Policy; Mary Komarynsky, Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch; Michele Taylor, Executive Director, Farm Income Programs Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization (CAIS) Program and other farm income issues.

Mary Komarynsky made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/08 1:37 p.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA
38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle. Lib.

Meeting No. 48

Thursday, June 9, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing session on regionalization of agriculture health practices.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
Charlie Angus,
Claude Drouin,
Wayne Easter,
Mark Eyking,
Roger Gaudet,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Watson for James Bezan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Jim Clark, Acting Director, Animal Health and Production
Division;

André Gravel, Executive Vice President.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 48

Thursday, June 9, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Mark Eyking, Roger Gaudet, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Jeff Watson for James Bezan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Jim Clark, Acting Director, Animal Health and Production Division; André Gravel, Executive Vice President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded a briefing session on regionalization of agriculture health practices.

André Gravel made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 4:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 49

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. David L. Anderson,
Charlie Angus,
James Bezan,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Roger Gaudet,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff for Paul Steckle,
and Lloyd St. Amand for Hon. Mark Eyking.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

House of Commons:

Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Kristine Stolarik, Executive Director, Liaison, Preparedness and Policy Coordination;

Mark McCombs, Head and General Counsel, Legal Services;

Peter Seguin, Director, Dispute Resolution Services, Legal Services;

Jane Dudley, Counsel, Legal Services.

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Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 49

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 10:04 a.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Wayne Easter, Mark Eyking, Roger Gaudet, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Ken Boshcoff for Paul Steckle and Lloyd St. Amand for Mark Eyking.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Kristine Stolarik, Executive Director, Liaison, Preparedness and Policy Coordination; Mark McCombs, Head and General Counsel, Legal Services; Jane Dudley, Counsel, Legal Services.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

The Committee resumed its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

The witnesses answered questions.

On New Clause 43.1,

Charlie Angus moved, — That Bill C-27 be amended by adding after line 29 on page 21 the following new clause:

“COMPENSATION

43.1 (1) Where the owner of a regulated product or the person having the possession, care or control of a regulated product has incurred any expense as a result of the exercise of the Agency’s powers under this Act or an Agency-related Act and the owner or person is not found to have committed an offence under this Act or an Agency-related Act, the owner or person may apply for compensation in the prescribed manner to the ombudsman or alternative disputes resolution.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Charlie Angus and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 3.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the consideration of the amendment of Wayne Easter previously stood which read as follows: That Bill C-27, in Clause 3, be amended by adding after line 24 on page 4 the following:

“(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to farming activities that are not mentioned in paragraphs (1)(a) to (e), or to the operation of an establishment to engage in such farming activities.”

David L. Anderson moved, — That the amendment be amended by deleting the following “ That are not mentioned in paragraphs (1)(a) to (e), or to the operation of an establishment to engage in such farming activities”

The question was put on the subamendment and the result of the vote was announced: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 5.

Whereupon, the Chair voted in the affirmative.

Accordingly, the subamendment was agreed to.

The question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

Clause 3, as amended, carried.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the consideration of the amendment of Denise Poirier-Rivard previously stood which read as follows: That Bill C-27, in Clause 5, be amended

(a) by replacing line 1 on page 5 with the following:

“5. (1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), the Minister may suspend or revoke a”

(b) by adding after line 3 on page 5 the following:

“(2) Except where a situation exists that poses an immediate risk to human or animal health, the Minister shall not suspend or revoke a licence unless the licence holder

(a) has been notified in writing that the Minister considers that the holder has contravened the conditions of the licence; and

(b) has been given an adequate opportunity to remedy any such contravention.

(3) A licence holder whose licence has been suspended or revoked may appeal the suspension or revocation in accordance with the regulations.”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 5, be amended

(a) by replacing line 1 on page 5 with the following:

“5.(1) By notice in writing, the Minister may suspend or revoke a”

(b) by adding after line 3 on page 5 the following:

“(2) If the Minister suspends or revokes a licence under subsection (1), the licence holder may make a

request to the President in writing for a review of the Minister's decision within the prescribed time.

(3) On receiving a request under subsection (2), the President shall review the decision and, if so requested, shall give the licence holder an opportunity to be heard.

(4) After reviewing the decision, the President shall provide his or her recommendation to the Minister within the prescribed time.

(5) After considering the President's recommendation, the Minister may confirm, reverse or modify the original decision, and the Minister's decision under this subsection is final.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

At 11:46 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:18 p.m., the sitting resumed.

On Clause 5,

Charlie Angus moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 5, be amended by adding after line 3 on page 5 the following:

“(2) A licence holder whose licence has been suspended or revoked may, in accordance with the regulations, appeal the suspension or revocation to the ombudsman.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Charlie Angus and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

Clause 5, as amended, carried.

On New Clause 11.1,

Charlie Angus moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 5, be amended by adding after line 3 on page 5 the following:

“(2) A licence holder whose licence has been suspended or revoked may, in accordance with the regulations, appeal the suspension or revocation to the ombudsman.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Charlie Angus and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

James Bezan moved, — That Bill C-27 be amended by adding after line 19 on page 7 the following new clause:

“CONFERENCE

11.1 The Minister shall, within six months after the coming into force of this section, convene a conference of all the provincial ministers of agriculture for the purpose of establishing a single national standard with respect to the safety of agricultural products for human consumption. Any agricultural

product that meets that standard would be able to be transported and sold to consumers in any part of Canada. The Minister shall take all measures within his or her power to ensure that the standard is in effect within one year after the termination of the conference.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of James Bezan and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 14 previously stood.

Charlie Angus moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 14, be amended by replacing line 3 on page 9 with the following:

“prescribed inspection bodies if the sampling, inspection, testing and reporting methodologies used by those bodies are comparable to those used by the Agency.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Charlie Angus and it was agreed to.

Clause 14, as amended, carried on division.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the consideration of the amendment of Wayne Easter previously stood which read as follows: That Bill C-27, in Clause 25, be amended by

(a) deleting lines 38 and 39 on page 12; and

(b) adding after line 5 on page 14 the following:

“(4) An inspector may restrict or prohibit the movement of, or hold, a regulated product in order to determine whether the regulated product meets the requirements established by or under the Agency-related Acts.

(5) The inspector shall communicate the restriction, prohibition or hold by notice sent to, or served on, the owner or person having the possession, care or control of the regulated product.

(6) If the inspector determines that the regulated product meets the requirements established by or under the Agency-related Acts, the inspector shall without delay cancel the restriction, prohibition or hold.

(7) The inspector shall communicate the cancellation by notice sent to, or served on, the person to or on whom the notice under subsection (5) was sent or served.”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 25, be amended by

(a) deleting lines 38 and 39 on page 12; and

(b) adding after line 5 on page 14 the following:

“(4) An inspector may restrict or prohibit the movement of, or hold, a regulated product in order to determine whether the regulated product meets the requirements established by or under the Agency-

related Acts.

(5) The inspector shall communicate the restriction, prohibition or hold by notice sent to, or served on, the owner or person having the possession, care or control of the regulated product.

(6) The restriction, prohibition or hold may last only as long as necessary to determine whether the regulated product meets the requirements established by or under the Agency-related Acts.

(7) If the inspector determines that the regulated product meets the requirements established by or under the Agency-related Acts, the inspector shall without delay cancel the restriction, prohibition or hold.

(8) The inspector shall communicate the cancellation by notice sent to, or served on, the person to or on whom the notice under subsection (5) was sent or served.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter and it was agreed to on division.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the consideration of the amendment of James Bezan previously stood which read as follows: That Bill C-27, in Clause 25, be amended by adding after line 5 on page 14 the following:

“(4) No inspector shall carry out an inspection unless he or she has received the specific education and training necessary to carry out the inspection in a competent manner.”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Clause 25, as amended, carried on division.

On New Clause 26.1,

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27 be amended by adding after line 11 on page 14 the following new clause:

“Manuals

26.1 The Agency shall make accessible to the public the manuals used by inspectors or officers exercising any power conferred by section 25.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter and it was agreed to on division.

Clause 26.1, as amended, carried on division.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 29 previously stood.

Clause 29, as amended, carried on division.

On New Clause 29.1,

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27 be amended by adding after line 30 on page 15 the following new clause:

- “29.1 (1) The President shall designate a person who will become an Agency employee to act as ombudsman for the purposes of this section.
- (2) If a person has incurred any costs as a result of the exercise of any power under section 25, he or she may file a complaint against the Agency with the ombudsman
- (3) The ombudsman, or a person authorized by the ombudsman to act on his or her behalf, shall review and attempt to resolve the complaint and may, if appropriate, mediate or arrange for mediation of the complaint.
- (4) If a complaint remains unresolved at the end of the process referred to in subsection (3), the ombudsman, or a person authorized by the ombudsman to act on his or her behalf, shall provide to the parties a report that includes the reasons why the complaint was not resolved.
- (5) The ombudsman shall, at least annually, submit a report to the President setting out the number and nature of complaints filed under subsection (2) and describing the manner in which they were dealt with.
- (6) The President shall submit the report to the Minister, without delay who shall make a copy of it public without delay.
- (7) The ombudsman may recommend an appropriate compensation.”

Gerry Ritz moved, — That the amendment be amended by deleting the word(s) “from the Agency's employees ”

At 1:05 p.m. Gerry Ritz took the Chair.

After debate, by unanimous consent, the subamendment was withdrawn.

Charlie Angus moved, — That the amendment be amended by replacing the words “from among the Agency's employees a person” with the words “a person who will become an Agency employee ”

After debate, the question was put on the subamendment and the result of the vote was announced:
YEAS: 5; NAYS: 5.

Whereupon, the Chair voted in the affirmative.

Accordingly, the subamendment was agreed to.

Larry Miller moved, — That the amendment be amended by adding after subsection (6) the following:
“(7)The ombudsman may recommend an appropriate compensation.”

After debate, the question was put on the subamendment and the result of the vote was announced:
YEAS: 5; NAYS: 5.

Whereupon, the Chair voted in the affirmative.

Accordingly, the subamendment was agreed to.

Larry Miller moved, — That the amendment be amended by adding after subsection (6) the following:
“(7)The ombudsman may recommend an appropriate compensation.”

The question was put on the subamendment and the result of the vote was announced: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 5.

Whereupon, the Chair voted in the affirmative.

Accordingly, the subamendment was agreed to.

Clause 29.1, as amended, carried on division.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the consideration of the amendment of Charlie Angus previously stood which read as follows: That Bill C-27, in Clause 32, be amended by replacing lines 20 to 22 on page 17 with the following:

“a warrant exist but it would not be practical to obtain one because the delay necessary to obtain a warrant would result in danger to human life or safety or the loss or destruction of evidence.”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the consideration of the amendment of Charlie Angus previously stood which read as follows: That Bill C-27, in Clause 32, be amended by adding after line 22 on page 17 the following:

“(5.1) For the purposes of subsection (5), exigent circumstances include circumstances in which the delay necessary to obtain a warrant would result in danger to human life or safety or the loss or destruction of evidence.”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Clause 32 carried on division.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the consideration of the amendment of Charlie Angus previously stood which read as follows: That Bill C-27, in Clause 44, be amended by replacing line 32 on page 21 with the following:

“to in subsection (2) who has been convicted of an offence under this Act or an Agency-related Act any costs incurred by Her”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was allowed to stand.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the consideration of the amendment of Charlie Angus previously stood which read as follows: That Bill C-27, in Clause 45, be amended by replacing line 18 on page 22 with the following:

“with this Act or the regulations if that person is convicted of an offence under this Act or an Agency-related Act.”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was allowed to stand.

On New Clause 55.1,

Charlie Angus moved, — That Bill C-27 be amended by adding after line 19 on page 25 the following new clause:

“APPEALS

55.1 Any person affected by a decision or order of the Agency or the Minister made under this Act or an Agency-related Act may appeal that decision or order to the Federal Court on a question of law or a question of jurisdiction, on application made within 30 days after the making of the decision or order or within such further time as that Court under special circumstances allows.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Charlie Angus and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 56 previously stood.

Charlie Angus moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 56, be amended by replacing line 20 on page 25 with the following:

“**56.** The Governor in Council may, on the advice of the advisory board appointed under section 10 of the *Canadian Food Inspection Agency Act*, make”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was allowed to stand.

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 56, be amended by replacing lines 21 and 22 on page 26 with the following:

“infected or contaminated with a pest, disease or toxic substance”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter and it was agreed to on division.

Charlie Angus moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 56, be amended by replacing line 6 on page 27 with the following:

“(q) establishing rules regarding the practice and procedure to be followed with respect to the renewal, amendment, sus-”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Charlie Angus and it was agreed to on division.

At 1:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/17 1:44 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
Charlie Angus,
James Bezan,
Hon. Claude Drouin,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff for Mark Eyking.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

House of Commons:

Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Jane Dudley, Counsel, Legal Services;

Mark McCombs, Head and General Counsel, Legal Services;

Peter Seguin, Director, Dispute Resolution Services, Legal
Services;

Kristine Stolarik, Executive Director, Liaison, Preparedness and
Policy Coordination;

Marie-Claude Couture, Legal Services.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Ken Boshcoff for Mark Eyking.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal. *House of Commons:* Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Jane Dudley, Counsel, Legal Services; Mark McCombs, Head and General Counsel, Legal Services; Peter Seguin, Director, Dispute Resolution Services, Legal Services; Kristine Stolarik, Executive Director, Liaison, Preparedness and Policy Coordination; Marie-Claude Couture, Counsel, Legal Services.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

The Committee resumed its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

The witnesses answered questions.

On Clause 56,

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 56, be amended by replacing lines 16 to 18 on page 27 with the following:

“class of such activities, governing the issue, renewal, amendment, suspension and revocation of such a licence or permit and governing any conditions to be attached to the licence or permit;”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter and it was agreed to on division.

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 56, be amended by adding after line 41 on page 27 the following:

“(w.1) respecting the period within which and the manner in which a complaint under subsection 29.1(2) is to be filed;”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter and it was agreed to on division.

By unanimous consent, Clause 56 was allowed to stand.

On New Clause 56.1,

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the consideration of the amendment of Charlie Angus previously stood which read as follows: That Bill C-27 be amended by adding after line 2 on page 28 the

following new clause:

“56.1 A copy of each regulation that the Governor in Council proposes to make under section 56 shall be published in the *Canada Gazette* and a reasonable opportunity shall be given to licensees and other interested persons to make representations to the Governor in Council with respect thereto.”

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 56 previously stood.

Denise Poirier-Rivard moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 56, be amended by replacing, in the French version, line 6 on page 27 with the following:

“p) prévoyant les catégories, les conditions et la durée de”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Denise Poirier-Rivard and it was agreed to on division.

By unanimous consent, Clause 56 was allowed to stand.

Rose-Marie Ur proposed to move - That Bill C-27 be amended by replacing the heading after line 21 on page 30 with the following:

CONSEQUENTIAL AND OTHER AMENDMENTS

The Chair ruled the proposed motion inadmissible as headings are not part of the bill and cannot be amended as provided on pages 624 and 657 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 67 previously stood.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 68 previously stood.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 69 previously stood.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 70 previously stood.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 71 previously stood.

Clauses 67 to 71 inclusive carried on division severally.

On New Clause 71.1,

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the consideration of the amendment of Charlie Angus previously stood which read as follows: That Bill C-27 be amended by adding before line 19 on page 32 the following new clause:

“71.1 (1) Subsections 10(1) and (2) of the *Canadian Food Inspection Agency Act* are replaced by the following:

10. (1) The Minister shall appoint an advisory board of not more than twelve members representing all major regions of Canada. A member representing each of the following organizations shall be appointed from a list of candidates provided by those organizations: the National Farmers Union, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, the Union des Producteurs Agricoles, the Canadian Organic Growers Association, the Public Service Alliance of Canada and the Consumers' Association of Canada.

(2) The standing committee of the House of Commons that normally considers matters related to agriculture shall assess all candidates for appointment to the advisory board and make recommendations to the Minister on the eligibility and qualifications of those candidates.

(2.1) The members of the advisory board hold office during pleasure for a term not exceeding three years, which term may be renewed for one or more further terms.

(2.2) The advisory board shall advise the Minister on any matter within the responsibilities of the Agency and, in particular, carry out the following functions:

(a) provide oversight and review of all decisions made by the Agency under the *Canadian Food Inspection Agency Enforcement Act* and any other Agency-related Act that have been appealed under any of those Acts by an affected party;

(b) engage third-party audit services to ensure that the powers exercised by the Agency under the *Canadian Food Inspection Agency Enforcement Act* have been carried out in an appropriate manner;

(c) review third-party audit reports and provide recommendations to the Agency in relation to matters discussed in those reports;

(d) provide policy direction to the Agency, taking into account the challenges facing the food industry; and

(e) provide a forum for the food industry and government to discuss food safety, quality and traceability and new industry initiatives in respect of animal and plant health in a fair and equitable manner.

(2) Subsection 10(7) of the Act is replaced by the following:

(7) The advisory board shall meet at least once every three months at the time and place determined by the Chairperson.

(8) In this section, “Agency-related Act” has the same meaning as in section 2 of the *Canadian Food Inspection Agency Enforcement Act*.”

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the amendment be amended in subsection 10.(1) by deleting all the words after “Canada.”

Roger Gaudet moved, — That the amendment be amended by

(a) deleting paragraphs 10 (2.2)(a),(b) and (c); and

(b) by replacing “policies directions” with “recommendations” in paragraph 10(2.2)(d)..

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the consideration of the amendment of Wayne Easter previously stood which read as follows: That Bill C-27 be amended by adding before line 19 on page 32 the following:

71.1 Section 10 of the *Canadian Food Inspection Agency Act* is amended by adding the following after subsection (7):

(8) The Chairperson shall, within three months after the end of each year, submit to the Minister a report of the activities of the advisory board.

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27 be amended by adding after line 19 on page 32 the following new clause:

“71.1 (1) Subsection 10(1) of the *Canadian Food Inspection Agency Act* is replaced by the following:

10. (1) The Minister shall appoint an advisory board of not more than twelve members to hold office during pleasure for a term not exceeding three years so as to ensure, as far as possible, the expiry in any one year of the terms of office of not more than one half of the members.

(1.1) The Minister may renew a member's term for one or more further terms.

(2) Section 10 of the Act is amended by adding the following after subsection (7):

(8) The Chairperson shall, no later than March 31 of each year, submit to the Minister a report on the advisory board's activities for the preceding calendar year."

By unanimous consent, the amendment was allowed to stand.

By unanimous consent, Clause 71.1 was allowed to stand.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 91 previously stood.

By unanimous consent, Clause 91 carried on division.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 118 previously stood.

Clause 118 carried on division.

On Clause 128,

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 128, be amended by adding after line 28 on page 41 the following:

"(2.1) On the later of the coming into force of this Act and the coming into force of the other Act, subsection 9(2) of the other Act is replaced by the following:

(2) Subject to subsection (2.1), the President may designate any person, or person within a class of persons,

(a) as an officer as defined in subsection 2(1) of the *Customs Act* to exercise any powers or perform any duties and functions of an officer under that Act that the President may specify; or

(b) as an inspector or a veterinary inspector or other officer for the enforcement of any Act or instrument made under it, or any part of an Act or instrument, that the Governor in Council or Parliament authorizes the Minister, the Agency, the President or an employee of the Agency to enforce, including the *Agriculture and Agri-Food Administrative Monetary Penalties Act*, the *Canada Agriculture Products Act*, the *Feeds Act*, the *Fertilizers Act*, the *Fish Inspection Act*, the *Health of Animals Act*, the *Meat Inspection Act*, the *Plant Protection Act* and the *Seeds Act*.

(2.1) Only a veterinarian may be designated as a veterinary inspector.

(2.2) Every inspector, officer and veterinary inspector shall be given a certificate in a form established by the President attesting to the designation of the inspector, officer or veterinary inspector.

(2.2) On the later of the coming into force of this Act and the coming into force of the other Act, subsection 9(3) of the French version other Act is replaced by the following:

(3) Le président peut exercer les pouvoirs de désignation des agents éventuellement conférés au ministre en vertu du paragraphe 6(1) de la *Loi sur l'immigration et la protection des réfugiés*."

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 128, be amended by adding after line 28 on page 41 the following:

“(2.1) On the later of the coming into force of this Act and the coming into force of the other Act, subsection 9(2) of the Act is replaced by the following:

(2) Subject to subsection (2.1), the President may designate any qualified person, or person within a class of qualified persons,

(a) as an officer as defined in subsection 2(1) of the *Customs Act* to exercise any powers or perform any duties and functions of an officer under that Act that the President may specify; or

(b) as an inspector or a veterinary inspector or other officer for the enforcement of any Act or instrument made under it, or any part of an Act or instrument, that the Governor in Council or Parliament authorizes the Minister, the Agency, the President or an employee of the Agency to enforce, including the *Agriculture and Agri-Food Administrative Monetary Penalties Act*, the *Canada Agricultural Products Act*, the *Feeds Act*, the *Fertilizers Act*, the *Fish Inspection Act*, the *Health of Animals Act*, the *Meat Inspection Act*, the *Plant Protection Act* and the *Seeds Act*.

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After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter and it was agreed to on division.

Clause 128, as amended, carried on division.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the consideration of the amendment of Charlie Angus previously stood which read as follows: That Bill C-27, in Clause 44, be amended by replacing line 32 on page 21 with the following:

“to in subsection (2) who has been convicted of an offence under this Act or an Agency-related Act any costs incurred by Her”

The question was put on the amendment of Charlie Angus and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 6.

Clause 44 was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Ken Boshcoff, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Rose-Marie Ur — 4; NAYS: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz — 6.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the consideration of the amendment of Charlie Angus previously stood which read as follows: That Bill C-27, in Clause 45, be amended by replacing line 18 on page 22 with the following:

“with this Act or the regulations if that person is convicted of an offence under this Act or an Agency-related Act.”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 45, be amended by replacing line 18 on page 22 with the following:

“with the obligations established by or under the Agency-related Acts.”

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter and it was agreed to on division.

Clause 45 was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Ken Boshcoff, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Rose-Marie Ur — 4; NAYS: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz — 6.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the consideration of the amendment of Charlie Angus previously stood which read as follows: That Bill C-27, in Clause 56, be amended by replacing line 20 on page 25 with the following:

“56. The Governor in Council may, on the advice of the advisory board appointed under section 10 of the *Canadian Food Inspection Agency Act*, make”

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Clause 56, as amended, carried.

At 5:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/20 4:02 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 51

Thursday, June 16, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced a review of the activities of the Pest Management Regulatory Agency during the past six months.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. David L. Anderson,
James Bezan,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Merv Tweed for Larry Miller.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Merv Tweed.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Pest Management Regulatory Agency:

Karen Dodds, Executive Director.

Canadian Association of Agri-Retailers:

Bob Evans, President;

Jeff Kisiloski, Technical Affairs Coordinator;

Steve Lepper, Member of the Board of Directors.

Pest Management Regulatory Agency:

Trish MacQuarrie, Director, Alternative Strategies and Regulatory Affairs.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 51

Thursday, June 16, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, James Bezan, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Merv Tweed for Larry Miller.

Associate Members present: Merv Tweed.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Pest Management Regulatory Agency: Karen Dodds, Executive Director. *Canadian Association of Agri-Retailers:* Bob Evans, President; Jeff Kisiloski, Technical Affairs Coordinator; Steve Lepper, Member of the Board of Directors. *Pest Management Regulatory Agency:* Trish MacQuarrie, Director, Alternative Strategies and Regulatory Affairs.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food be granted a travel budget of \$43,934.00 to travel to Riding Mountain National Park, Manitoba during the week of October 3, 2005.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed a review of the activities of the Pest Management Regulatory Agency during the past six months.

Karen Dodds made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:43 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:44 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Bob Evans and Steve Lepper made statements and answered questions.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 52

Tuesday, June 21, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
Charlie Angus,
James Bezan,
Claude Drouin,
Wayne Easter,
Roger Gaudet,
Larry Miller,
Denise Poirier-Rivard,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Simms for Mark Eyking.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

House of Commons:

Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Jane Dudley, Counsel, Legal Services;

Mark McCombs, Head and General Counsel, Legal Services;

Kristine Stolarik, Executive Director, Liaison, Preparedness and
Policy Coordination.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 52

Tuesday, June 21, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Scott Simms for Mark Eyking.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal. *House of Commons:* Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Jane Dudley, Counsel, Legal Services; Mark McCombs, Head and General Counsel, Legal Services; Kristine Stolarik, Executive Director, Liaison, Preparedness and Policy Coordination.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, December 10, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-27, An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts in consequence.

The Committee resumed its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

The witnesses answered questions.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the consideration of the amendment of Charlie Angus previously stood which read as follows: That Bill C-27 be amended by adding before line 19 on page 32 the following new clause:

“71.1 (1) Subsections 10(1) and (2) of the *Canadian Food Inspection Agency Act* are replaced by the following:

10. (1) The Minister shall appoint an advisory board of not more than twelve members representing all major regions of Canada. A member representing each of the following organizations shall be appointed from a list of candidates provided by those organizations: the National Farmers Union, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, the Union des Producteurs Agricoles, the Canadian Organic Growers Association, the Public Service Alliance of Canada and the Consumers' Association of Canada.

(2) The standing committee of the House of Commons that normally considers matters related to agriculture shall assess all candidates for appointment to the advisory board and make recommendations to the Minister on the eligibility and qualifications of those candidates.

(2.1) The members of the advisory board hold office during pleasure for a term not exceeding three years, which term may be renewed for one or more further terms.

(2.2) The advisory board shall advise the Minister on any matter within the responsibilities of the Agency and, in particular, carry out the following functions:

(a) provide oversight and review of all decisions made by the Agency under the *Canadian Food Inspection Agency Enforcement Act* and any other Agency-related Act that have been appealed under any of those Acts by an affected party;

(b) engage third-party audit services to ensure that the powers exercised by the Agency under the *Canadian Food Inspection Agency Enforcement Act* have been carried out in an appropriate manner;

(c) review third-party audit reports and provide recommendations to the Agency in relation to matters discussed in those reports;

(d) provide policy direction to the Agency, taking into account the challenges facing the food industry; and

(e) provide a forum for the food industry and government to discuss food safety, quality and traceability and new industry initiatives in respect of animal and plant health in a fair and equitable manner.

(2) Subsection 10(7) of the Act is replaced by the following:

(7) The advisory board shall meet at least once every three months at the time and place determined by the Chairperson.

(8) In this section, “Agency-related Act” has the same meaning as in section 2 of the *Canadian Food Inspection Agency Enforcement Act*.”

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the consideration of the subamendment of Roger Gaudet previously stood which read as follows: That the amendment be amended

(a) by deleting paragraphs 10(2.2)(a), (b) and (c); and

(b) by replacing “policy directions” with “recommendations” in paragraph 10(2.2)(d).

After debate, by unanimous consent, the subamendment was withdrawn.

After debate, by unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27 be amended by adding before line 19 on page 32 the following new clause:

“71. 1(1) Subsections 10(1) to (3) of the *Canadian Food Inspection Agency Act* are replaced by the following:

10.(1) The Minister shall appoint an advisory board of not more than twelve members to hold office during pleasure for a term not exceeding three years so as to ensure, as far as possible, the expiry in any

one year of the terms of office of not more than one half of the members.

(1.1) The Minister may renew a member's term for one or more further terms.

(2) The advisory board shall provide a forum for the agriculture and agri-food sector to discuss matters within the Agency's responsibilities and shall advise the Minister on any matter within the Minister's responsibilities relative to the Agency, including

(a) advising the Minister with respect to policy, taking into account the challenges facing the agriculture and agri-food sector; and

(b) advising the Minister with respect to matters discussed in reports that the Minister requests the advisory board to review.

(3) The Minister may appoint any person with relevant knowledge or experience to the advisory board, including persons representing various regions of Canada who are from the agriculture and agri-food, public security and public-health sectors, consumer groups, the academic community or provincial or municipal governments, and persons with experience in the development or implementation of federal or provincial government policy.

(2) Subsection 10(7) of the Act is replaced by the following:

(7) The advisory board shall meet at least once every three months at the time and place determined by the Chairperson.

(8) The Chairperson shall, no later than March 31 in each year, submit to the Minister a report on the advisory board's activities for the preceding calendar year."

It was agreed, — That the amendment be amended in paragraph (8) by inserting the words "and the appropriate standing committees" following the word: "Minister"

The question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter, as amended, and it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to the consideration of the amendment of Charlie Angus previously stood which read as follows: That Bill C-27, in Clause 72, be amended by replacing lines 19 and 20 on page 32 with the following:

"72. Subsections 11(1) and (2) of the Act are replaced"

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Charlie Angus and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Clause 72, as amended, carried.

Gerry Ritz moved, — That Bill C-27 be amended by adding after line 19 on page 25 the following new clauses:

"ADJUDICATION TRIBUNAL

55.1 (1) The Minister shall appoint a tribunal for the purpose of adjudicating claims referred to in

subsection 55.2(1).

(2) No person is eligible to be appointed a member of the tribunal unless the person has knowledge and experience related to agriculture or agri-food.

(3) The tribunal shall include representatives from the private and public sectors, and at least one member must be a barrister or advocate of at least ten years' standing at the bar of any province or a notary of at least ten years' standing at the Chambre des notaires du Québec.

(4) The members of the tribunal shall hold office during good behaviour, but may be removed by the Minister for cause.

(5) Each member of the tribunal shall be appointed for a term not exceeding five years and is eligible for re-appointment.

(6) The tribunal may pass by-laws governing the conduct of its affairs.

(7) The Minister may make regulations respecting the proceedings of the tribunal and all other matters relating to the tribunal and its members.

55.2 (1) Any person who has suffered a financial loss as a result of the frivolous, vexatious or otherwise improper action of a person acting on behalf of the Agency may file a claim with the Minister in accordance with this section.

(2) The Minister shall, upon receipt of a claim referred to in subsection (1), refer the matter for hearing to the tribunal appointed under section 55.1.

(3) The tribunal may, in relation to any claim before it,

(a) summon and enforce the attendance of witnesses and compel them to give oral or written evidence on oath and to produce such documents and things as the tribunal deems requisite to the full investigation and consideration of the claim;

(b) administer oaths and solemn affirmations; and

(c) receive and accept such evidence and information on oath, affidavit or otherwise as the tribunal sees fit, whether or not it would be admissible in a court of law.

(4) The tribunal shall

(a) hear the claim within 30 days after it is filed;

(b) determine the procedure to be followed, while giving full opportunity to the parties to present evidence and make submissions;

(c) consider all information relating to the claim;

(d) decide, on a balance of probabilities, whether the claim is valid; and

(e) within 30 days after hearing the claim, send a copy of the decision with the reasons for the decision

to each party and to the Minister.

(5) Where the tribunal decides in accordance with paragraph (4)(d) that a person has a valid claim against the Agency, the tribunal shall, by order, require the Agency to make restitution to the person in an amount that the tribunal considers adequate to compensate the person for the financial loss suffered by the person.

(6) Any person who has been granted restitution by means of an order made under subsection (5) may file in the Federal Court a copy of the order, exclusive of the reasons for the order.

(7) An order of the tribunal that is filed in the Federal Court under subsection (6) shall be registered in the Court and, when registered, has the same force and effect, and all proceedings may be taken thereon, as if the order were a judgment obtained in that Court.”

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it infringed on the financial initiative of the Crown, as provided on page 655 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

On Clause 2,

Wayne Easter moved, — That Bill C-27, in Clause 2, be amended by adding after line 6 on page 4 the following:

““thing” means, except in paragraph 25(1)(f), a thing that is relevant to the administration or enforcement of an Agency-related Act.”

David L. Anderson moved, — That the amendment be amended by deleting “, except in paragraph 25(1)(f),”

After debate, the question was put on the subamendment of David L. Anderson and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 7.

The question was put on the amendment of Wayne Easter, as amended, and it was agreed to.

Clause 2, as amended, carried.

Clause 129 carried on division.

The Short Title carried on division.

It was agreed, — That Bill C-27 be amended by replacing the long title on page 1 with the following:

“An Act to regulate and prohibit certain activities related to food and other products to which the Acts under the administration of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency apply and to provide for the administration and enforcement of those Acts and to amend other Acts”

The Title, as amended, carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried on division.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

ORDERED, — That Bill C-27, as amended, be reprinted for the use of the House at report stage.

At 4:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/23 2:39 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 53

Wednesday, June 22, 2005

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Meeting No. 53

Wednesday, June 22, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 307 West Block, the Vice-Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Claude Drouin, Wayne Easter, Roger Gaudet, Larry Miller, Denise Poirier-Rivard, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Consulting and Audit Canada: Margo Allore, Audit Manager; Janak Shah, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the pricing of beef at the slaughter, wholesale and retail levels, in the context of the BSE crisis in Canada.

At 3:45 p.m., Paul Steckle took the Chair.

Janak Shah made a statement and answered questions.

It was agreed, — That, at the request of the Standing Committee, the review conducted by Consulting and Audit Canada cover the period from January 1, 2002 to June 30, 2004.

At 4:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 54

Wednesday, September 28, 2005

IN CAMERA

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Meeting No. 54

Wednesday, September 28, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, James Bezan, Hon. Claude Drouin, Hon. Wayne Easter, Hon. Mark Eyking, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: André Bellavance for Denise Poirier-Rivard and Réal Lapierre for Roger Gaudet.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food be granted a travel budget in the amount of \$ 110 556 to travel to London (U.K.), Geneva (Switzerland) and Paris (France), in November 2005.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee hold an *in camera* briefing session on dairy terms labelling with officials from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee invite the Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board to appear before the Committee to discuss the establishment of initial pricing.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee undertake a study on corn trade with the United States.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee invite the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food to appear before the Committee in order to discuss the Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization Program (CAIS).

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee hold a briefing session with Competition Bureau officials to discuss agricultural issues.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee hold a briefing session on beef trade.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee invite François Guimont, President, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, to appear before the Committee.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee hold a briefing session on the review of the Canadian Grain Commission.

At 5:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 55

Monday, October 3, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on June 16, 2005, the Committee commenced its study of Riding Mountain National Park Bovine tuberculosis monitoring and eradication programs.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

James Bezan,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

André Bellavance for Denise Poirier-Rivard,
and Inky Mark for Gerry Ritz.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Riding Mountain Liaison Committee:
Calvin Pawluk, Member, Board of Directors.

Bovine Tuberculosis Stakeholders Advisory Committee:

John Whitaker, Chair.

Riding Mountain TB Science Advisory Committee:

Paul Paquet, Chair.

University of Manitoba:

Ryan Brook, Department of Environment and Geography, Clayton
H. Ridden Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources.

Parks Canada Agency:

Greg Fenton, Field Unit Superintendent, Riding Mountain;
Doug Bergeson, Ecosystem Scientist, Riding Mountain National
Park of Canada.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Philip H. Amundson, Executive Director, Operations, Western
Area.

Manitoba Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives:

Allan Preston, Assistant Deputy Minister, Agri-Industry
Development;
Shelagh Copeland, Manager, Farm Production Extension,
Livestock Knowledge Centre.

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

George Luterbach, Network Chief, Animal Health and Production
- Program Network - West;
Maria A. Koller-Jones, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Disease Control.

Manitoba Cattle Producers Association:

Bill Finney, Chair, Animal Health Committee;
Betty Green, Past President.

Parkland Producers Association:

Renske Kaastra, Chairperson.

Manitoba Conservation:

Jack Dubois, Director, Wildlife and Ecosystem Protection;
Ken Rebizant, Big Game Manager.

Dairy Farmers of Manitoba:

Jim Wade, General Manager.

Manitoba Lodges and Outfitters Association:

Carl Wall, Executive Director.

Riding Mountain Landowners Association:

Glen Campbell, Vice President.

West Region Tribal Council/Coalition of First Nations:

Dwayne Blackbird.

Manitoba Wildlife Federation:

John Williams, President.

Ranchers Choice Beef Co-op Ltd.:

Ken Yakielashek, President;

Krpan Frieda, Director, Chairperson Media/Communications.

As an Individual:

Metro Belbas.

Greg Fenton, Philip H. Amundson and Allan Preston made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 55

Monday, October 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:00 a.m. this day, in the Parkland Recreation Complex Banquet Room, Dauphin, Manitoba, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: James Bezan, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: André Bellavance for Denise Poirier-Rivard and Inky Mark for Gerry Ritz.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Riding Mountain Liaison Committee: Calvin Pawluk, Member, Board of Directors. *Bovine Tuberculosis Stakeholders Advisory Committee:* John Whitaker, Chair. *Riding Mountain TB Science Advisory Committee:* Paul Paquet, Chair. *University of Manitoba:* Ryan Brook, Department of Environment and Geography, Clayton H. Ridden Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources. *Parks Canada Agency:* Greg Fenton, Field Unit Superintendent, Riding Mountain; Doug Bergeson, Ecosystem Scientist, Riding Mountain National Park of Canada. *Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* Philip H. Amundson, Executive Director, Operations, Western Area. *Manitoba Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives:* Allan Preston, Assistant Deputy Minister, Agri-Industry Development; Shelagh Copeland, Manager, Farm Production Extension, Livestock Knowledge Centre. *Canadian Food Inspection Agency:* George Luterbach, Network Chief, Animal Health and Production - Program Network - West; Maria A. Koller-Jones, Senior Staff Veterinarian, Disease Control. *Manitoba Cattle Producers Association:* Bill Finney, Chair, Animal Health Committee; Betty Green, Past President. *Parkland Producers Association:* Renske Kaastra, Chairperson. *Manitoba Conservation:* Jack Dubois, Director, Wildlife and Ecosystem Protection; Ken Rebizant, Big Game Manager. *Dairy Farmers of Manitoba:* Jim Wade, General Manager. *Manitoba Lodges and Outfitters Association:* Carl Wall, Executive Director. *Riding Mountain Landowners Association:* Glen Campbell, Vice President. *West Region Tribal Council/Coalition of First Nations:* Dwayne Blackbird. *Manitoba Wildlife Federation:* John Williams, President. *As an Individual:* Metro Belbas. *Ranchers Choice Beef Co-op Ltd.:* Ken Yakielashek, President; Krpan Frieda, Director, Chairperson Media/Communications.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on June 16, 2005, the Committee commenced its study of Riding Mountain National Park Bovine tuberculosis monitoring and eradication programs.

Calvin Pawluk, John Whitaker, Paul Paquet and Ryan K. Brook made statements and answered questions.

At 10:30 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:45 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Greg Fenton, Philip H. Amundson and Allan Preston made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:15 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:15 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Bill Finney, Betty Green, Renske Kaastra, Jack Dubois and Jim Wade made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 2:45 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:00 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Carl Wall and Glen Campbell made statements and answered questions.

Dwayne Blackbird, John Williams and Metro Belbas made statements and answered questions.

Frieda Krpan made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 4:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
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Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 56

Monday, October 17, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing on dairy terms labelling.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
Charlie Angus,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Réal Lapierre,
Gerry Ritz,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Marlene Jennings for David Smith,
and Rob Moore for Larry Miller.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Diane Diotte, Committee Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

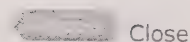
Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Darlene Blair, Project Manager, Program Branch Realignment;

Jane Dudley, Counsel, Legal Services;

Kristine Stolarik, Executive Director, Liaison, Preparedness and Policy Coordination.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 56

Monday, October 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Hon. Mark Eyking, Réal Lapierre, Gerry Ritz, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Hon. Marlene Jennings for David Smith and Rob Moore for Larry Miller.

In attendance: House of Commons: Diane Diotte, Committee Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Darlene Blair, Project Manager, Program Branch Realignment; Jane Dudley, Counsel, Legal Services; Kristine Stolarik, Executive Director, Liaison, Preparedness and Policy Coordination.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Marlene Jennings, it was agreed, — That Paul Steckle be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of James Bezan, it was agreed, — That Gerry Ritz be elected first Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Réal Lapierre, it was agreed, — That André Bellavance be elected as second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Paul Steckle took the Chair.

Wayne Easter moved, — That the Committee proceed to sit *in camera* to study dairy terms labelling.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 8.

On motion of David L. Anderson, it was agreed, — That the Committee hear the witnesses present on dairy terms labelling.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to examine dairy terms labelling.

Kristine Stolarik made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

On motion of Gerry Ritz, it was agreed, — That the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food be called before the Committee before December 1, 2005; that the meeting be televised; and that the Minister appear to explain the government's position on issues to arise at the World Trade Organization meetings

scheduled for December 2005 in Hong Kong.

At 5:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

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Meeting No. 57

Wednesday, October 19, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met *in camera* at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Réal Lapierre, David Smith, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Guy André for André Bellavance, Inky Mark for James Bezan and Kevin Sorenson for Larry Miller.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Consulting and Audit Canada: Margo Allore, Audit Manager; Burns Giddings, Chief Auditor; Janak Shah, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the pricing of beef at the slaughter, wholesale and retail levels, in the context of the BSE crisis in Canada.

Janak Shah made a statement and, with, the other witnesses, answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on June 16, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of Riding Mountain National Park Bovine tuberculosis monitoring and eradication programs.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 5:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/20 11:02 a.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
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Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 58

Monday, October 24, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2005, the Committee commenced its study on corn imports from the United States.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
André Bellavance,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Réal Lapierre,
Larry Miller,
David Smith,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Garry Breitkreuz for James Bezan,
and Jeff Watson for Gerry Ritz.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Canada Border Services Agency:

Suzanne Parent, Director General, Trade Programs Directorate;
Barry Desormeaux, Director, Consumer Products, Anti-dumping
and Countervailing;
Wayne Neamtz, Director, Operational Policy, Anti-dumping and
Countervailing;
Darwin Satherstrom, Director, Tariff Policy.

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Graham Barr, Director, Multilateral Trade Policy Division;
Howard Migie, Director General, Strategic Policy Branch.

*Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (International
Trade):*

Paul Robertson, Director, Trade Remedies Division.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 58

Monday, October 24, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, André Bellavance, Hon. Wayne Easter, Hon. Mark Eyking, Réal Lapierre, Larry Miller, David Smith, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Garry Breitkreuz for James Bezan and Jeff Watson for Gerry Ritz.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canada Border Services Agency: Suzanne Parent, Director General, Trade Programs Directorate; Barry Desormeaux, Director, Consumer Products, Anti-dumping and Countervailing; Wayne Neamtz, Director, Operational Policy, Anti-dumping and Countervailing; Darwin Satherstrom, Director, Tariff Policy. *Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:* Graham Barr, Director, Multilateral Trade Policy Division; Howard Migie, Director General, Strategic Policy Branch. *Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (International Trade):* Paul Robertson, Director, Trade Remedies Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2005, the Committee commenced its study on corn imports from the United States.

Suzanne Parent and Paul Robertson made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/25 10:04 a.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 59

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on corn imports from the United States.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
André Bellavance,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Réal Lapierre,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz,
David Smith,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bradley R. Trost for James Bezan,
and Jeff Watson for Gerry Ritz.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Casco Inc.:

Jim Grey, President.

Manitoba Corn Growers Association/Canadian Corn Producers:

Theresa Bergsma, Secretary-Manager.

Ontario Corn Producers' Association:

Brian Doidge, General Manager.

Spirits Canada / The Association of Canadian Distillers:

Jan Westcott, President and Chief Executive Officer;

CJ Helie, Executive Vice-President;

Kirsten Goodwin, Barrister & Solicitor, Trade Counsel.

Federation of Quebec Producers of Cash Crops:

Benoit Legault, General Manager.

Canadian Renewable Fuels Association:

Kory Teneycke, Executive Director;

Bliss Baker, Vice-President, Business Development and
Government Affairs, Commercial Alcohols Inc..

Brian Doidge made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 59

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, André Bellavance, Hon. Mark Eyking, Réal Lapierre, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, David Smith, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Bradley R. Trost for James Bezan and Jeff Watson for Gerry Ritz.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Casco Inc.: Jim Grey, President. Manitoba Corn Growers Association/Canadian Corn Producers: Theresa Bergsma, Secretary-Manager. Ontario Corn Producers' Association: Brian Doidge, General Manager. Spirits Canada / The Association of Canadian Distillers: Jan Westcott, President and Chief Executive Officer; CJ Helie, Executive Vice-President; Kirsten Goodwin, Barrister & Solicitor, Trade Counsel. Federation of Quebec Producers of Cash Crops: Benoit Legault, General Manager. Canadian Renewable Fuels Association: Kory Teneycke, Executive Director; Bliss Baker, Vice-President, Business Development and Government Affairs, Commercial Alcohols Inc..

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on corn imports from the United States.

Jim Grey, Kory Teneycke, Bliss Baker and Jan Westcott made statements and answered questions.

At 4:32 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:35 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Brian Doidge made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2005/10/27 1:05 p.m.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle. Lib.

Meeting No. 60

Thursday, October 27, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, October 7, 2005, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill S-38, An Act respecting the implementation of international trade commitments by Canada regarding spirit drinks of foreign countries.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
André Bellavance,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Larry Miller,
David Smith,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ted Menzies for James Bezan,
Jean-Yves Roy for Réal Lapierre,
and Jeff Watson for Gerry Ritz.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

House of Commons:

Jean-Francois Lafleur, Legislative Clerk;

APPEARING:

Hon. Wayne Easter, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of
Agriculture and Agri-Food (Rural Development).

WITNESSES:

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Gary B. Koestler, Deputy Director (Oceania/Africa/Middle
East/Former Soviet Union), International Trade Policy Directorate;
Paula Hanna, Legal Counsel, Legal Services.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 60

Thursday, October 27, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, André Bellavance, Hon. Mark Eyking, Larry Miller, David Smith, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Ted Menzies for James Bezan, Jean-Yves Roy for Réal Lapierre and Jeff Watson for Gerry Ritz.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal. *House of Commons:* Jean-Francois Lafleur, Legislative Clerk.

Appearing: Hon. Wayne Easter, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food (Rural Development).

Witnesses: Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Gary B. Koestler, Deputy Director (Oceania/Africa/Middle East/Former Soviet Union), International Trade Policy Directorate; Paula Hanna, Legal Counsel, Legal Services.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, October 7, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill S-38, An Act respecting the implementation of international trade commitments by Canada regarding spirit drinks of foreign countries.

The Parliamentary Secretary made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

By unanimous consent the Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

Clause 2 carried on division.

Clause 3 carried on division.

Clause 3.1 carried on division.

Clause 4 carried on division.

Clause 5 carried on division.

Clause 6 carried on division.

Clause 7 carried on division.

Clause 8 carried on division.

Clause 9 carried on division.

Clause 10 carried on division.

Clause 11 carried on division.

Clause 12 carried on division.

Clause 13 carried on division.

Clause 14 carried on division.

Clause 15 carried on division.

Clause 16 carried on division.

Clause 17 carried on division.

Schedule 1 carried on division.

The Short Title carried on division.

The Preamble carried on division.

The Title carried on division.

The Bill carried on division.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill, without amendment, to the House.

At 10:21 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:22 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report of its study on Riding Mountain National Park Bovine tuberculosis monitoring and eradication programs.

At 10:30 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:47 a.m., the sitting resumed.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: Follow-up Study on Bovine Tuberculosis Monitoring and Eradication Programs in the Vicinity of Riding Mountain National Park in Manitoba.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report, as amended, to the House.

At 10:50 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle. Lib.

Meeting No. 61

Monday, October 31, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on [date referred]], the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on corn imports from the United States.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
Charlie Angus,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Réal Lapierre,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz,
David Smith,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gord Brown for James Bezan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Pork Council:

Clare Schlegel, President;

Edouard Asnong, First Vice-President.

Canadian Cattlemen's Association:

David Stewart, Executive Director, Ontario Cattlemen's Association;

Ian McKillop, Director.

Animal Nutrition Association of Canada:

Henry Van de Velde, Executive Vice-President, Risk & Integration Strategies, Hytek Inc.;

Dennis Kornelsen, Purchasing Manager, Grain and Ingredients, Hytek Inc..

Food and Consumer Products of Canada:

Ellen Mary Mills, Director, Policy Development.

Maple Leaf Foods Inc.:

Annalisa King, Senior Vice-President, Vertical Coordination.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 61

Monday, October 31, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Hon. Mark Eyking, Réal Lapierre, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, David Smith, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Gord Brown for James Bezan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Canadian Pork Council: Clare Schlegel, President; Edouard Asnong, First Vice-President. *Canadian Cattlemen's Association:* David Stewart, Executive Director, Ontario Cattlemen's Association; Ian McKillop, Director. *Animal Nutrition Association of Canada:* Henry Van de Velde, Executive Vice-President, Risk & Integration Strategies, Hytek Inc.; Dennis Kornelsen, Purchasing Manager, Grain and Ingredients, Hytek Inc.. *Food and Consumer Products of Canada:* Ellen Mary Mills, Director, Policy Development. *Maple Leaf Foods Inc.:* Annalisa King, Senior Vice-President, Vertical Coordination.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on September 28, 2005, the Committee resumed its study on corn imports from the United States.

Ian McKillop, Clare Schlegel, Edouard Asnong and Henry Van de Velde made statements and answered questions.

At 4:42 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:47 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Ellen Mary Mills and Annalisa King made statements and answered questions.

At 5:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 62

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization (CAIS) Program and other farm income issues.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Réal Lapierre,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz,
David Smith,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Judy Wasylycia-Leis for Charlie Angus.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;
Marc LeBlanc, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Andy Mitchell, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

WITNESSES:

Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food:

Christiane Ouimet, Associate Deputy Minister;
Susie Miller, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial
Programs Branch;
Danny Foster, Acting Director General, Business Risk
Management Program Development.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 62

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met in a televised session at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Hon. Mark Eyking, Réal Lapierre, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, David Smith, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Judy Wasylycia-Leis for Charlie Angus.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Marc LeBlanc, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Andy Mitchell, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food.

Witnesses: Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food: Christiane Ouimet, Associate Deputy Minister; Susie Miller, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Farm Financial Programs Branch; Danny Foster, Acting Director General, Business Risk Management Program Development.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization (CAIS) Program and other farm income issues.

At 3:39 p.m., Paul Steckle took the Chair.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the certificate of nomination of John Core, Chairman of the Canadian Dairy Commission, which was referred to the Committee on October 3, 2005.

It was agreed, - That the Committee waive further consideration of the nomination of John Core, Chairman of the Canadian Dairy Commission.

At 5:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

2005/11/03 3:29 p.m.

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FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 63

Monday, November 14, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing on Avian Flu.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Réal Lapierre,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz,
David Smith,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Carol Skelton for David L. Anderson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;

Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Food Inspection Agency:

Brian Evans, Chief Veterinary Officer of Canada;
Judith Bossé, Vice-President, Science;
Krista L. Mountjoy, Vice-President, Operations.

Public Health Agency of Canada:

Paul Gully, Deputy Chief Public Health Officer, Infectious Disease
and Emergency Preparedness Branch.

Canadian Cooperative Wildlife Health Centre:

Frederick (Ted) Leighton, Executive Director.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 63

Monday, November 14, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Hon. Mark Eyking, Réal Lapierre, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, David Smith, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Carol Skelton for David L. Anderson.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Food Inspection Agency: Brian Evans, Chief Veterinary Officer of Canada; Judith Bossé, Vice-President, Science; Krista L. Mountjoy, Vice-President, Operations. *Public Health Agency of Canada:* Paul Gully, Deputy Chief Public Health Officer, Infectious Disease and Emergency Preparedness Branch. *Canadian Cooperative Wildlife Health Centre:* Frederick (Ted) Leighton, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Avian Flu.

Brian Evans, Paul Gully and Frederick Leighton made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 64

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing on Avian Flu.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Réal Lapierre,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz,
David Smith,
Paul Steckle
and Rose-Marie Ur.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;
Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Egg Marketing Agency:

Peter Clarke, Chair, Production Management Committee.

Canadian Turkey Marketing Agency:

Phil Boyd, Executive Director.

Chicken Farmers of Canada:

Mike Dungate, General Manager;

David Fuller, President.

Canadian Broiler Hatching Egg Marketing Agency:

Errol Halkai, General Manager.

Canadian Poultry and Egg Processors Council:

K.R (Robin) Horel, President and CEO.

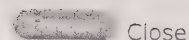
Canadian Veterinary Medical Association:

Paul Boutet, President Elect;

Gordon Dittberner, Senior Advisor, Government Affairs;

Jean-Pierre Vaillancourt, Veterinary Poultry Specialist, Director of
the Poultry Research Centre, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine,
University of Montreal.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee



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Meeting No. 64

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Paul Steckle, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Hon. Mark Eyking, Réal Lapierre, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, David Smith, Paul Steckle and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Frédéric Forge, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Egg Marketing Agency: Peter Clarke, Chair, Production Management Committee. *Canadian Turkey Marketing Agency:* Phil Boyd, Executive Director. *Chicken Farmers of Canada:* Mike Dungate, General Manager; David Fuller, President. *Canadian Broiler Hatching Egg Marketing Agency:* Errol Halkai, General Manager. *Canadian Poultry and Egg Processors Council:* K.R (Robin) Horel, President and CEO. *Canadian Veterinary Medical Association:* Paul Boutet, President Elect; Gordon Dittberner, Senior Advisor, Government Affairs; Jean-Pierre Vaillancourt, Veterinary Poultry Specialist, Director of the Poultry Research Centre, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Montreal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the certificate of nomination of Adrian Measner, President of the Canadian Wheat Board, which was referred to the Committee on October 24, 2005

It was agreed, - That Adrian Measner appear before the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed a briefing on Avian Flu.

Peter Clarke, Mike Dungate, Phil Boyd, Errol Halkai and Robin Horel made statements and answered questions.

At 4:44 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:48 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 5:00 p.m., Gerry Ritz took the Chair.

Paul Boutet made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette
Clerk of the Committee

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
FOOD**

Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 65

Monday, November 21, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the marketing of canola in Ontario and the acquisition of Better Beef by Cargill Ltd.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the pricing of beef at the slaughter, wholesale and retail levels, in the context of the BSE crisis in Canada.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee resumed consideration of the certificate of nomination of Adrian Measner to the position of President of the Canadian Wheat Board which was referred to the Committee on Monday, October 24, 2005.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee resumed consideration of the certificate of nomination of John J. Ryan to the position of President of Farm Credit Canada which was referred to the Committee on Thursday, November 17, 2005.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
Charlie Angus,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,

Hon. Wayne Easter,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Réal Lapierre,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz,
David Smith
and Rose-Marie Ur.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wajid Khan for Paul Steckle,
and Kevin Sorenson for Larry Miller.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal;
Marc LeBlanc, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Competition Bureau:
Gaston Jorré, Senior Deputy Commissioner of Competition;
Richard Taylor, Deputy Commissioner, Civil Matters Branch;
Morgan Currie, Senior Competition Law Officer, Mergers Branch.

Consulting and Audit Canada:
Janak Shah, Director;
Burns Giddings, Chief Auditor.

Canadian Wheat Board:
Adrian Measner, President.

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Clerk of the Committee

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Meeting No. 65

Monday, November 21, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Hon. Mark Eyking, Réal Lapierre, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, David Smith and Rose-Marie Ur.

Acting Members present: Wajid Khan for Paul Steckle and Kevin Sorenson for Larry Miller.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal; Marc LeBlanc, Analyst.

Witnesses: Competition Bureau: Gaston Jorré, Senior Deputy Commissioner of Competition; Richard Taylor, Deputy Commissioner, Civil Matters Branch; Morgan Currie, Senior Competition Law Officer, Mergers Branch. *Consulting and Audit Canada:* Janak Shah, Director; Burns Giddings, Chief Auditor. *Canadian Wheat Board:* Adrian Measner, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the marketing of canola in Ontario and the acquisition of Better Beef by Cargill Ltd.

Gaston Jorré made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:33 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:36 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the pricing of beef at the slaughter, wholesale and retail levels, in the context of the BSE crisis in Canada.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

Janak Shah made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: Final Report: Financial Analysis Relative to Meat Packing Companies in the context of BSE Crisis of 2003.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That, at the dissolution of the 38th Parliament, the Clerk of the Committee be instructed to destroy all confidential documents related to the study on pricing of beef at the slaughter, wholesale and retail levels, in the context of the BSE crisis in Canada, which commenced during the 3rd Session of the 37th Parliament.

At 5:17 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

André Bellavance moved, — That the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food report to the House of Commons the following recommendations:

- (1) That the government of Canada reiterate its unalterable support for supply management, as an equitable agricultural model, and for the farmers who depend on it;
- (2) That the government of Canada make no concessions regarding supply-managed production during the current WTO negotiations;
- (3) That the government of Canada mandate its negotiators so that, at the conclusion of the current round of negotiations, the supply-managed sectors will not be subject to any over-quota tariff reductions or tariff quota increases, so that these sectors continue to provide farmers with fair and equitable market revenues; and
- (4) Given that a large majority of Canadian agricultural producers rely on exports and improved market access, the government of Canada should mandate our World Trade Organization negotiators to work toward: (a) the total elimination of export subsidies ;(b) the substantial reduction of domestic trade distorting subsidization; and, (c) the goal of increasing market access for Canadian agricultural products.

Debate arose thereon.

Wayne Easter moved, — That the motion be amended by adding in paragraph 3 after the word “negotiations,” the following: “any over-quota tariff reductions or tariff quota increases are minimized to the greatest extent possible for supply managed products,”.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Wayne Easter, Mark Eyking, Wajid Khan, David Smith, Kevin Sorenson, Rose-Marie Ur — 6; NAYS: David L. Anderson, Charlie Angus, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Réal Lapierre — 5.

Charlie Angus moved, — That the motion be amended by adding in paragraph 1, after the word “management”, the following: “and single-desk selling”.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Charlie Angus, Wayne Easter, Mark Eyking, Wajid Khan, David Smith, Rose-Marie Ur — 6; NAYS: David L. Anderson, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Réal Lapierre, Kevin Sorenson — 5.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Charlie Angus, Wayne Easter, Mark Eyking, Wajid Khan, David Smith, Rose-Marie Ur — 6; NAYS: David L. Anderson, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Réal Lapierre, Kevin Sorenson — 5.

At 5:46 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:47 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee resumed consideration of the certificate of nomination of Adrian Measner to the position of President of the Canadian Wheat Board which was referred to the Committee on Monday, October 24, 2005.

Adrian Measner made a statement and answered questions.

It was agreed on division, — That the Committee waive further consideration of the nomination of Adrian Measner for appointment to the position of President of the Canadian Wheat Board.

Pursuant to Standing Orders 110 and 111, the Committee commenced consideration of the certificate of nomination of John J. Ryan to the position of President of Farm Credit Canada which was referred to the Committee on Thursday, November 17, 2005.

It was agreed, — That the Committee waive further consideration of the nomination of John J. Ryan for appointment to the position of President of Farm Credit Canada.

At 6:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Committee

CORRIGENDUM

Minutes of Proceedings No. 65 of Monday, November 21, 2005.

Changes following a motion on November 23, 2005, to make public part of the *in camera* proceedings.

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-
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Chair: Paul Steckle, Lib.

Meeting No. 66

Wednesday, November 23, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on issues related to Agricore United and the Competition Bureau regarding the ownership of a terminal elevator in the Port of Vancouver.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

David L. Anderson,
André Bellavance,
James Bezan,
Hon. Wayne Easter,
Hon. Mark Eyking,
Réal Lapierre,
Larry Miller,
Gerry Ritz,
David Smith
and Rose-Marie Ur.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

WITNESSES:

Competition Bureau:

Gaston Jorré, Senior Deputy Commissioner of Competition;
Richard Taylor, Deputy Commissioner, Civil Matters Branch;
Patrick Hughes, Acting Major Case Director and Strategic Policy
Advisor, Mergers Branch.

Agricore United:

Murdoch MacKay, Vice-President, Operations;
Cam Dahl, Government Relations and Policy Development
Officer.

Murdoch MacKay made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

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Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 66

Wednesday, November 23, 2005

The Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food met at 4:30 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Gerry Ritz, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: David L. Anderson, André Bellavance, James Bezan, Hon. Wayne Easter, Hon. Mark Eyking, Réal Lapierre, Larry Miller, Gerry Ritz, David Smith and Rose-Marie Ur.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Jean-Denis Fréchette, Principal.

Witnesses: Competition Bureau: Gaston Jorré, Senior Deputy Commissioner of Competition; Richard Taylor, Deputy Commissioner, Civil Matters Branch; Patrick Hughes, Acting Major Case Director and Strategic Policy Advisor, Mergers Branch. *Agricore United:* Murdoch MacKay, Vice-President, Operations; Cam Dahl, Government Relations and Policy Development Officer.

On motion of André Bellavance, it was agreed, — That the *in camera* discussion about the World Trade Organization negotiations, at the November 21, 2005 meeting of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-food, be made public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on issues related to Agricore United and the Competition Bureau regarding the ownership of a terminal elevator in the Port of Vancouver.

Gaston Jorré made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:53 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:54 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

Murdoch MacKay made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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